

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Manager Community Services  
**DATE:** 22 November 2005  
**SUBJECT:** Rough Island Equestrian Park

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## PURPOSE

To advise Council of a request from the Tasman and District Equestrian Trust for:

- 1 A roading upgrade from the sealed Rabbit Island Road to the Equestrian Park.
- 2 For permission for the Western Riding Group to build a new storage building near their arena.

## BACKGROUND

- 1 In the 2005/06 Annual Plan, \$20,000.00 was allocated for foundation material for the Rough Island Road to the Equestrian Park. This was to be the first stage with possible future funding for further upgrading or sealing of the road.
- 2 In 2001 the Rabbit Island Management Plan was reviewed to take into consideration the Equestrian Park operations and the need for different rules for this area of the reserve. Section 8.10.3 states:

*“Buildings and facilities may be erected, if required to facilitate the use of the land for outdoor equestrian or other outdoor recreation use, subject to Council consent and statutory requirements. Buildings or facilities that may be erected are public toilets, fences, pens for animals, roads, parking areas, picnic facilities, temporary outdoor stages and an administration and storage building specifically for equestrian purposes, subject to prior written Community Services consent and the appropriate resource consents and building permits.*

## DISCUSSION

- 1 On reviewing the roading issues on Rough Island it was agreed that the existing access road needed to be shifted approximately 40 metres inland to provide an appropriate area for a planting buffer between the estuary and the road. There is already an area that is used by cars running parallel to the road that would be used.

Costs for doing this work are being prepared and additional funds will be allocated in the LTCCP for this.

- 2 The Western Riding Group have approached Council through the Tasman and District Equestrian Trust for approval to build a storage building beside their arena. As can be seen from the quote from the Management Plan, Council consent is required to erect any buildings on this land.

The only other building on the Equestrian Park is the administration building which includes a storage area.

Unfortunately this storage is at capacity with all the various riding groups requiring storage.

The location, design, size and colour are all issues to be considered should Council agree that the storage shed can be built.

## **OPTIONS**

### **1 Roothing**

- 1.1 That the \$20,000.00 allocated in 2005/06 be used to upgrade the road on its existing alignment.
- 1.2 That this work be held over to 2006/07 when additional funds will be allocated to allow the road to be shifted further from the estuary edge which will allow for a planting buffer between the road and the estuary.

### **2 New Store Shed**

- 2.1 That the request for an additional building be declined.
- 2.2 That approval be given to the Tasman and Districts Equestrian Trust and the Western Riding Group to build a new storage shed next to the Western Riding Groups arena subject to final siting, design and colour being approved by Cr Higgins and the Community Services Manager.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That:

- 1 The roading upgrade on Rough Island be held over to the 2006/07 financial year when additional funds will be allocated to allow the road to be shifted further from the estuary edge which will allow for a planting buffer between the road and the estuary.

- 2 Approval be given to the Tasman and Districts Equestrian Trust and the Western Riding Group to build a new storage shed next to the Western Riding Groups arena subject to final siting, design and colour being approved by Cr Higgins and the Community Services Manager.

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