

### **3 COCKATOO-GEMBROOK MULTI USE TRAIL**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the:

1. Tender submitted by Kent Environmental & Vegetation Management Pty Ltd to undertake the works associated with Contract 17/16 - Cockatoo-Gembrook Multi Use Trail Construction be accepted for the contract sum of \$2,469,394.76 (Excl. GST);
2. Remaining Tenderers be advised accordingly; and
3. Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the contract documents.

#### **Attachments**

- 1 Confidential memorandum circulated to councillors only 4 Pages

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Emerald-Gembrook Trail has received funding through both state and national level funding programs and is considered a high priority trail in Cardinia Shire's Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy.

This report provides consideration for the appointment of a contractor to undertake works to construct the 6.5km length of trail between Cockatoo and Gembrook. The proposed works involve concrete and gravel path construction, fencing, retaining walls, indigenous planting, drainage improvements and associated works.

The tender for the Cockatoo-Gembrook Multi Use Trail submitted by Kent Environmental & Vegetation Management Pty Ltd is the most advantageous for Council, providing the best value for money and excellent service through their experience in vegetation and environmental management.

It is therefore recommended that Contract 17/16 for the construction of the Cockatoo-Gembrook Multi Use Trail be awarded accordingly.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Emerald-Gembrook Trail is a high value regional trail linking the Hill's towns of Emerald, Cockatoo and Gembrook, and ultimately to Belgrave via other path networks.

The trail is expected to hold significant tourist value and attract a high number of users to the region, increasing the tourism value associated with these small hill's communities, Puffing Billy and other attractions in the area.

The first part of the Emerald-Gembrook Trail was completed some time ago with the construction of the Emerald-Cockatoo component through Emerald Lake Park and Wrights State Forest providing a link between the two towns.

The construction of the final segment of this trail has received widespread community support through extensive community consultation held throughout the design stage.

Tenders were advertised on 13 May 2017 and closed on 6 June 2017. A total of three (3) tenders were received from the following tenderers:

Tymon Constructions  
Contek Constructions  
Kent Environmental & Vegetation Management

Tenders were evaluated against the criteria of Capability and capacity, Relevant experience and past performance of the tenderer, Quality system and project plan, Prequalified contractor on the VicRoads Qualification Register R1, Compliance with the specifications, financial viability, risk and insurance, compliance to conditions of contract, conflict of interest, OHS, Pricing and value for money.

To provide best value for money, it is recommended that the Cockatoo-Gembrook Trail construction be awarded to Kent Environmental & Vegetation Management Pty Ltd for a sum of \$2,469,394.76 (Excl. GST).

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The works have been developed in accordance with Council's Asset Management Plans and Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy.

#### **RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN**

These projects are consistent with efforts to " Provide active and passive recreation facilities to meet the needs of residents", " Increase opportunities for residents to participate in a range of sport, recreation and leisure activities", " Provide accessible facilities to meet identified community needs", and " Prioritise multi-use pathways, where practicable, to create networks that connect destinations".

#### **CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION**

Extensive community consultation was undertaken prior to the detailed design stage commencing. The consultation process assisted in settling on the final route alignment of the trail which was adopted by Council at the beginning of 2015. Extensive consultation has taken place with property owners affected by land acquisition, as well as Puffing Billy and the Emerald Tourist Railway Board.

Consultation with the community, affected property owners and commuters to notify them of disruptions throughout the construction works will form part of the project planning and delivery after the award of this Contract.

#### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The recommended tender submitted by Kent Environmental & Vegetation Management is for the lump sum price of \$2,469,394.76 (Excl. GST).

Council has received funding for this project of \$1,000,000 through a federal government election commitment through the Department of Infrastructure, and \$545,000 through the State

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Government's Growing Suburbs Fund. The remaining funds will be provided through Councils capital works program.

**CONCLUSION**

The tender submitted by Kent Environmental & Vegetation Management Pty Ltd for the construction of the Cockatoo-Gembrook Multi Use Trail is considered to be the most beneficial to Council and it is recommended that Contract 17/16 - Cockatoo-Gembrook Multi Use Trail Construction be awarded to Kent Environmental & Vegetation Management Pty Ltd for \$2,469,394.76 (Excl. GST).