

12.4 PORT LINCOLN TOWN JETTY – ADDITIONAL RENEWAL FUNDING OPTIONS REPORT

REPORT INFORMATION	
Report Title	Port Lincoln Town Jetty – Addition Renewal Funding Options
Records Reference	9.24.1.2 REP2348
Organisational Unit	Environment & Infrastructure
Responsible Officer	Project Manager - Master Plan Projects - Kathleen Brannigan
Report Attachment/s	No
REPORT PURPOSE	
The purpose of this report is to assess and provide advice about potential funding opportunities for additional jetty renewal works which are unable to be funded from the Port Lincoln Foreshore Project budget.	
REPORT DECISION MAKING CONSIDERATIONS	
Council Role	Owner / Custodian - Manage community assets including buildings, facilities, public space, reserves on behalf of current and future generations
Strategic Alignment	SDP GOAL: Goal 5: Community Assets and Placemaking SDP ACTION: 5.4 Deliver key elements of CBD, Foreshore and Marina Precincts Master Plan
Annual Business Plan	ABP INITIATIVE: Not Applicable ABP PROJECT: Not Applicable
Legislation	Not Applicable
Policy	Not Applicable
Budget Implications	Not Applicable
Risk Implications	Low Risk
Resource Implications	Moderate Variation > 5 hours < 20 hours
Public Consultation	Not Applicable
IAP2 Commitment	INFORM - We will keep you informed.
OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION	
That Council release an Expression of Interest seeking potential philanthropic contributions and/or sponsorship, ideally from one major source or a collective, to contribute to funding the complete renewal of the town jetty.	

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BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 20 March 2023 Council resolved to allocate the balance of funds from the Port Lincoln Foreshore to maximise the renewal of the Port Lincoln town jetty. This will allow renewal works to extend to at least Bent 31 and likely as far as Bent 36.

FUNDING SHORTFALL

Council has indicated a desire to complete renewal of the full length of the jetty which has an estimated cost of \$3,211,600 so would require additional funding of approximately \$400,000.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Research into funding was conducted using *Grant Guru for Councils*, consultation with Council's Manager, Community Culture and Recreation and liaison with Department of Infrastructure and Transport (Road and Marine Services).

Government Funding: Federal

- **Priority Community Infrastructure Program – Not an eligible project**
This program delivers the Government's 2022 election commitments for community infrastructure and eligible Community Development Grants Programme commitments announced by the former Government during the 2022 Pre-Election Fiscal and Economic Outlook with funding of over \$5 million, and selected commitments under \$5 million. Only projects identified by the Australian Government will be considered under the program.
- **Growing Regions Fund – Replaces Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF), not yet open**
This is a highly competitive program and unlikely to fit timeframes for jetty works i.e., while Maritime Construction mobilised to site. On the positive side the jetty project is definitely 'shovel ready'.

Government Funding: State

- **Regional Growth Fund - Jetty project not strong against assessment criteria**
This program aims to facilitate new economic activity and build and strengthen communities for regional South Australia. It seeks to provide opportunities to leverage Government and private funding to deliver critical economic infrastructure designed to create direct economic benefits across industries or multiple entities in regional South Australia. Applications for the competitive round and strategic pool are closed.
- **Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)**
DIT Marine Branch were contacted about the possibility of funding the shortfall, noting that there are significant saving opportunities in having all works completed while Maritime Construction are mobilised to site. They advised that there was no current option for DIT funding.

Philanthropy / Sponsorship Opportunities

- There are a number of organisations which support the broader Port Lincoln community through philanthropy, and may be interested in contributing funding to complete the renewal of the full extent of the jetty. Additionally, there may be local businesses that have the capacity and desire to 'sponsor' the jetty. It is likely that either option would be conditional and may include acknowledgement of the sponsor and / or naming rights to some degree for the structure. Council could release an EOI in the first instance to formally gauge interest in this option.

Community Fundraising

- Council could seek community contributions to full jetty renewal through sponsorship of a deck plank (775 planks) acknowledged by, for example, a small plaque on the plank. It would need to be considered as a separate initiative, appropriately scoped and resourced. The community may not be supportive of this approach given the significant contribution Council has already made to the Port Lincoln Foreshore Project. Council would need to underwrite the community contribution.

In the first instance, it would be reasonable to explore via an Expression of Interest, any potential philanthropic or sponsorship opportunities, before considering more time (and risk) intensive options such as community fundraising efforts.