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KYOGLE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY



Kyogle Mountain Bike Trails and Facilities

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
TOURISM, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Investing in Kyogle's Mountain

Background

The sport of mountain biking is growing in popularity across Australia and supports a significant recreation industry in many parts of the developed world. Generally, mountain bike riders seek purpose-built trails that deliver the best riding experience and consequently, the number of trail developments and facilities in Australia continues to grow in response to the growth in the sport.

The Kyogle Council local government area features a picturesque landscape and terrain that is highly suitable for mountain bike trail development and is therefore a natural candidate for the development of a mountain biking hub in northern NSW.

Kyogle's proximity to the major population centres of Brisbane and the Gold Coast as well as the popular tourist destination of Byron Bay give it great potential to attract riders seeking a great mountain biking experience in a stunning landscape.

Mountain Bike Trail Development Strategy

In recognition of the potential of the area, Kyogle Council has developed and adopted the *Kyogle Mountain Bike Trail Development Strategy*.

The Strategy aims to deliver a network of trails and ancillary facilities in proximity to Kyogle that will provide opportunities for residents and visitors to participate in walking, jogging, trail running and mountain bike riding.

Bringing additional tourists and visitors to Kyogle will benefit the town's businesses including cafes, hotels and accommodation venues and has the further potential to develop new businesses around mountain biking activities such as guiding and tours, skills training and coaching, mountain bike sales, rental and repair.

The Strategy will be rolled out in the following stages:

STAGE 1- Support the Kyogle Mountain Bike Club to further develop the mountain bike facility in Boorabee State Forest and improve its accessibility and ancillary facilities.

STAGE 2- Establish trails to the summit of Fairymount, including a summit lookout and improvements to the Mount Street lookout.

STAGE 3- investigate opportunities for development of a network of trails in the broader Boorabee State Forest (further scoping and investigation is required to inform the final design of trails in this Stage).



Bike Trails and Facilities

Stage 1: Support for development of Kyogle mountain bike park

Over the past three years, Kyogle Mountain Bike Club has been developing a mountain bike facility in a parcel of Boorabee State Forest. The facility needs further trail development to realise its potential as a regional attractor.

Upgrades are required to the carpark and access road (Yongurra Road) as well as ancillary facilities (picnic tables, signage etc.) to improve its useability and accessibility and to deliver a quality user experience.

This Stage also involves improvements to a related public facility being the Kyogle BMX track. The current BMX track has a layout and features which deliver a poor user experience therefore, the track receives limited use.

Upgrading this facility to a 'pump track' is expected to dramatically improve its appeal to children and youth and would complement the more advanced and longer trails in Boorabee State Forest by providing a highly accessible and fun cycle facility in town.

Works required

In order of priority

1. Construction of seven trails (total length 7.5km) - \$165,000
2. Upgrade of public carpark - cost \$13,500
3. Yongurra Road upgrade - \$ 152,000
4. Ancillary facilities (signage, picnic tables etc) - \$25,000
5. Creation of pump track - cost \$30,000

TOTAL COST: \$385,500



Stage 1: Establishment of Fairymount trials and ancillary facilities

Stage 2 proposes the establishment of walking and mountain bike trails to the summit of Fairymount including the development of a viewing platform or lookout near the summit.

Trails would start and end at Mount Street lookout and the Strategy proposes upgrades to this facility thereby providing an

enhanced connection with the township and local businesses.

This Stage is intended to deliver walking and mountain bike riding opportunities that are easily accessible to residents of Kyogle and provide an attraction for tourists and visitors.



Proposed trail developments are outlined in detail in the **Kyogle Mountain Bike Trail Development Strategy; copies of the Strategy can be provided if requested.*

Works required

In order of priority

1. Construction of trails (total length 5.6km) and resolution of land matters - \$202,500
2. Installation of platform lookout - cost \$45,000
3. Ancillary facilities (signage, fencing, gates etc) - cost \$10,000
4. Upgrade of Mount Street lookout and carpark (resurfacing, shelter, landscaping etc) - cost \$35,000

TOTAL COST: \$2925,500

Kyogle *Mountain Bike Park*



Council has developed and adopted the Kyogle Mountain Bike Trail Development Strategy



Mountain bike riders seek purpose built trails that deliver great riding experiences



Trails should be suitable for walking, jogging trail running and mountain biking



Strategy will be rolled out in stages

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