

**NSW Communities
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Project Title

LITHGOW DOWN HILL MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK

Major Sport or Activity that the project will benefit

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Proposed start date of project

04/10

Anticipated finish date of project

08/10

Project Description

This trail will create a new purpose built mountain bike trail and spectator walking track.

The the trail will be used of Club and State competition level Down Hill Mountain bike racing

Why is the project needed?

The Central Tablelands Mountain Bike Club inc (CTMBC) is keen to establish a local downhill mountain bike course capable of hosting club and state level events.

Since loosing access to the State Mine trail due to land ownership changes CTMBC has been without a quality Down Hill venue and thus unable to bid on State or National races nor promote the local riding area for Down Hill. While our club has promoted Lithgow as a riding destination since 1984 the impending loss of the Lidsdale State Forest venue due to planned logging in 2010 will therefore leave the club with out a venue in the local Lithgow area.

What is the amount of funding being requested in this application

31111.00

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Suburb

LITHGOW

Postcode

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State

NSW

Electorate

Bathurst

Council Name

City of Lithgow

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A. Funding	
Funding requested from Sport and Recreation	31111.00
Confirmed funding from Federal Government	0.00
Confirmed funding from State Government	0.00
Confirmed funding from Local Government	0.00
Sub-Total (A)	31111.00
B. Income (e.g. applicant's contribution, donations, fees and charges, in-kind contribution etc)	
Voluntary labour, eastimated 800 man hrs at \$20/hr	16000.00
Voluntary trail design	15000.00
Club funds already spent	2600.00
Sub-Total (B)	33600.00
C. EXPENDITURE - DIRECT COSTS (e.g. venue hire, equipment, presenter fees, travel and accommodation etc)	
Machin hire 5 weeks + fuel	13800.00
materials	10280.00
Trail design	15000.00
Voluntary Labour	16000.00
Soil and sedement control plan	6531.00
Ecological Statment	1250.00
DA	1000.00
Sub-Total (C)	63861.00
Budget surplus or deficit	850.00

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Objective	How will the project do this
<p>Increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in sport, recreation or structured physical activity in a sustainable manner.</p>	<p>The Cycling Promotion Fund states, "... a record 1.47 million bicycles sold in 2007... Cycling has become the 4th most popular physical activity with more than 1.6 million Australian adults cycling in 2006, an increase of 17% from 2001." Further more, Retail Cycle Traders Australia statistics show that 1998-2005 70% of all bike sales were mountain bikes.</p> <p>Due to development squeeze and National Park restrictions there are no legal Down Hill courses in the Sydney basin that are not situated on private property and very few courses within easy reach of the enormous population base in the Sydney basin and Blue Mountains.</p> <p>Proper Down Hill courses have been constructed at Mt Stromlo in the ACT and at Thredbo and Mt Buller in the snow fields. The latter are seasonal facilities a long way from Sydney and the former a competition course purpose built for the world championships in 2009.</p> <p>There is a very real demand for an area close to the Sydney basin, selected specifically for its ability to provide an exceptional downhill event, and for this venue to be setup specifically to meet the needs of downhill cycling.</p> <p>The Central Tableland Mountain bike club has been hosting club/state and National level down hill events in the Lithgow area since the early 90s and our races have always been extremely popular. However with a current lack of venues available to us for regular Down Hill racing we are restricted to how many event we can stage.</p> <p>This new venue will allow us to conduct regular racing, practice and training days</p>

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Objective	How will the project do this
Improve access for people from groups that traditionally find it difficult to access sport.	

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Objective	How will the project do this
<p>Improve safety at sport and recreation facilities.</p>	<p>Currently very few, if any, down hill mountain bike trails are conducted with a planned spectator/emergency access trail along side.</p> <p>Spectators usually have to make their way up/down the bike trail in between rider coming down.</p> <p>By having a completely separate walking trail that parallels the race track and gives access to views to the more spectacular areas of trail not only will be remove the potential of rider/spectator incidents but it will also give easier access to emergency personnel if required</p>

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Develop environmentally sustainable sport and recreation facilities.	<p>Unlike early ad hoc trails that generally spring up with little planning this trail will be built to the latest techniques and practices as set out by the International Mountain Bike Association.</p> <p>It will also need to comply with Soil and Sediment control plans to suit Sydney Catchment Authority.</p> <p>Being on multiple land parcels, within Sydney Catchment we plan to use this trail as an example on how to do it right</p>

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Objective	How will the project do this
Assist people from identified groups that face barriers to participating in sport and recreation.	

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Year	Description
2010	<p>The Central Tablelands Mountain bike club was formed in 1984 and incorporated into the early 1990s.</p> <p>As a small regional club we have a proven track record for hosting large mountain bike events including state, National and international races and building quality trails that are popular with recreational cyclists and racers alike.</p> <p>Our NSW State Down Hill round held in 2005 attracted a then record 250 entries (Current record 255) 315 riders at our National Down Hill round in 2006 was a record at the time for a non chairlifted down hill round.</p> <p>2009 State Down Hill championships was the largest state championships with 220 riders and our 2008 combined DH triple track and 8hr cross country endurance weekend attracted 550 riders.</p> <p>Our XC venue at Lidsdale state forest is considered by many, including multiple world Champ Jill Kiltner, as the best Cross Country in Australia and our previous Down Hill trails on Hassans Wall and State mine were also extremely popular with riders.</p>

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Beneficiaries/Target Groups	Number of Participants	Benefit to the participants
CENTRAL TABLELANDS MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB	250	Regular training/practice and racing as well as offer state level competition locally

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What is the longer term benefit to the sport, community or industry

Due to development squeeze and National Park restrictions there are no legal downhill courses in the Sydney basin that are not situated on private property and very few courses within easy reach of the enormous population base in the Sydney basin and Blue Mountains.

Proper downhill courses have been constructed at Mt Stromlo in Canberra, Awaba in the Hunter valley and at Thredbo and Mt Buller in the snow fields. The latter are seasonal facilities a long way from Sydney and the former a competition course purpose built for the world championships in 2009.

There is a very real demand for an area close to the Sydney basin, selected specifically for its ability to provide an exceptional downhill event, and for this venue to be setup specifically to meet the needs of downhill cycling. Evidence from established cycling parks overseas, eg the Whistler Mountain bike park in Canada, suggests that, an area specifically selected, planned and built for downhill cycling will be immensely popular. Lithgow has benefitted in the past from its reputation as a Down Hill mountain biking mecca,

The 2006 national round held at the State Mine venue attracted some 325 entrants and a tourism report estimated that the visitor expenditure over the event weekend reached \$600,000

The event also featured in Mountain Biking DVDs and magazines as well as a new clips around the country, directly reaching targeted tourism market.

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Role in Partnership

The Lithgow pony club currently leases the bottom section of land that will be used as the event center for racing. A Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed to between our club to allow this project to go ahead

Contribution to project

Central Tableland Mountain bike club will pay Lithgow Pony Club an access fee to utilize their facilities for events.