



Halls Creek Bikes

A Draft Community Relationship Building Proposal

Background:

The Halls Creek Bikes Project started as an idea tying together two projects that Track Care has previously been involved in. They are Canning Stock Route (CSR) upgrades to wells and facilities and Bikes being taken to Punmu (Western Desert) for children at school in a Martu community.

Track Care's current Chairman was having discussions with the Halls Creek Council as part of his employment and he mentioned our involvement with these two projects.

By coincidence, Halls Creek Council was finalising a proposal to install bike tracks and a BMX track in and around the council area. Discussions have continued and the Halls Creek Council has invited Track Care representatives to present their perspective on the role Track Care can play in the overall project.

For Track Care, the Halls Creek Projects are a natural progression of the current work being done on the Canning Stock Route. Located at the northern end of the CSR, it is a very remote area and some 2,800 kilometres from Perth via sealed highways.

With 3 Indigenous communities within the Council's local government area, it is appropriate that Track Care becomes involved with this project to build its relationship with the Indigenous communities and enhance future project opportunities that Track Care may wish to pursue.

Given past experience with some Track Care projects, with difficulties obtaining permission to access and implement projects, it seems fortuitous that we are given this opportunity at this time to enhance our relationship with the Indigenous community as a whole.

The Project:

The initial suggestion was that Track Care would replicate the Punmu project by organising bikes to be brought to Halls Creeks with the intention of enhancing school attendance. It is intended that students within the community will attend school to obtain access to the bikes and drive other projects within the school.

The Punmu experience resulted in students building a BMX track and racing the bikes on their own track, performing maintenance and attending school more frequently.

After some brief discussions with members of the Halls Creek Shire Council and the Department of Sport and Recreation, the project has continued to grow and is developing a life of its own. The Bike track construction by the Council has been given approval and is going ahead.

AIM:

Track Care works with the Shire of Halls Creek to develop community engagement through building enhanced youth facilities.

Objectives:

1. Support the construction of the riding tracks within the Shire of Halls Creek.
2. Organise the donation and supply of bikes to the communities.
3. Organise, design and implement the construction of a sea-container based workshop facility.
4. Organise and develop a second sea container as a 'shop' front and training facility for the BMX component of the riding tracks.
5. Develop a close and open relationship between the local indigenous communities, the Shire and Track Care.
6. Develop a long term relationship with the Department of Sports and Recreation to further Track Cares organisational objectives.
7. Enhance the opportunities to access appropriate 4WD tracks within the region.

Proposed implementation strategy:

Consult with appropriate stakeholders within the project.

Liaise with 'Bikes for Humanity' and other sources of bikes.

Arrange delivery of the bikes to Halls Creek.

Organise, design, construct and deliver two modified, fit for purpose sea containers in conjunction with other related organisations.