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Dear Council,

Submission to the Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy.

A BMX Facility for the Kyla Sporting Reserve precinct

Since Council first placed its Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy on public exhibition the youth of Tuross head have been encouraged to think of what facilities they might like to see in place over the next twenty years.

The Tuross Youth have already provided a submission to Council that looks at skateboarding facilities.

This submission is specifically for a BMX facility.

The location identified for this facility is the area commonly referred to by Tuross Head residents as *The Council Dump* that is arrowed in the image below. Over the years Council has industriously filled this area extending the levelled section of field adjacent to the Kyla Oval.



The area is now all but levelled and the Tuross head progress Association will now be asking Council to desist in any further stockpiling on the site of either soil, building debris or vegetation as it is contrary to the Plan of Management for this sporting reserve and also deemed by Tuross Head residents as contrary to the intent of the EPA guidelines that now restrict any burning off in an urban area. Whilst the nearby Grazing Lots are zoned as Rural the Kyla Sporting Reserve is, in the opinion of the Tuross Head community at least, very much on the urban fringe. Burn-offs at this site are no longer appropriate.



The THPA will be requesting of Council a Memorandum of Understanding – Kyla Sporting Reserve Site Fill which will ask Council to clearly define the proposed finished levels to this site and detailing their intention to distribute the existing stockpiles that now have become overgrown and unsightly.



It is of the opinion of the THPA that this area could however be effectively used for a BMX circuit that would allow Council to simply reshape their debris into suitable hillocks and batters suitable for cyclists.

The Tuross Youth have enjoyed the spontaneous use of mounds of earth left deposited around the town but this has brought them into conflict with the Tuross Lakes Preservation Group who do their best to reduce erosion. Impromptu BMX circuits have been created to date by the Tuross Youth at the Memorial Gardens and on the unbuilt road reserve at the bottom of Coila Avenue along with other jumps on the private land above Coila Lake adjacent to Anderson Avenue. Below is a photo of one such jump they have used



The youth of Tuross that involve themselves with BMX are great kids. They are creative and willing to do what might be required to raise the community support of their activity. They would like to have an area that they could establish and develop without having it closed down on discovery.

The THPA will support the establishment of a dirt covered BMX circuit in the area shown on the map above.

A grant application to Dept Recreation and Community for a half court basketball facility to be co-funded by the Tuross Community and built at the location shown on the above map might be best suited to be constructed nearer to the BMX facility. Incorporating some stand alone concrete skateboard components a Youth facility in this area would be a major amenity for Tuross youth developed at minimal cost.

We look forward to pursuing this project irrespective as to whether it is included in the Recreation and Open Space Strategy or not as it has been clearly described as a positive youth facility that could be created with little finance (of which the community would provide) and would require little if any maintenance from Council over a twenty year period.

The following website might offer some insight into the project keeping in mind that the scale of the BMX facility the Tuross Head youth have in mind is in the order of 80m x 20m

http://www.dirt-jumping.com/building_dirt_jumps.html

Your support in the community seeking this facility is appreciated

Yours sincerely
Lei Parker
Secretary THPA.