

NEW INITIATIVE (K)

Project title: Heritage Patent Slip – Cog Platform

Background: funding is required to return the Cog Wheel to its former site, provide a context for its placement and upgrade the surrounds to better reflect the history of the Patent Slip area.

It is recommended that funding be included in the draft annual plan.

1. Proposal

The proposal is to restore the Cog Wheel back in Cog Park with lighting and interpretation panels. The Cog Wheel is an existing Council asset that was part of what is now a listed heritage site. It represents an important part of Wellington's heritage and is an integral component of what is thought to be the oldest remaining example of a steam-powered engine in New Zealand.

2 Proposed Costs

Project Component	Operating expenses \$000									
	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
<i>Depreciation/interest</i>	11	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
<i>Total</i>	11	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21

Note: There is no additional Opex required as The Cog is an existing asset and we already have funding budgeted for maintenance.

Project Component	Capitalexpenditures \$000									
	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
<i>Platform including structural engineering drawings, geo technical data, foundations and consents</i>	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Pathway including railway sleepers, irons, lighting etc</i>	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Interpretation signage</i>	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total</i>	122	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3 Project outline

The Cog, weighing 17 tonne and measuring 4.5 metres in diameter was the main driving wheel at the now closed Evans Bay Patent Slip. The slip, which operated from 1871 to 1972, was the predominant ship maintenance facility in

Wellington. When the slip was finally closed in 1985, Wellington City Council retained the largest cog. It was moved across the road to what is now known as Cog Park and placed on a concrete pad. It remained there until recently when it was removed for the redevelopment of the park. It is temporarily being stored in an outside yard at Shelley Bay. It needs to be removed from here and placed back at Evans Bay.

A concrete and wooden platform will be built for the Cog to sit in, close to the original site of the engine house. The platform will allow the Cog to be displayed in a way that evokes an impression of how it might have appeared when it was in use. A path will lead up to the Cog where the original rail irons lay with lighting and interpretation along the sides telling the story of the Patent Slip.

The Cog Wheel is nationally significant as a rare example of nineteenth century industrial technology and is a significant local landmark. There is an expectation from the local community that the Cog will be returned to this area in the near future.

Funding is required for the platform, the pathway and the interpretation.

4 Conclusion

The Cog is an important relic of the Evans Bay Patent Slip, now a heritage site. It is in temporary storage at Shelley Bay due to its former site's redevelopment. It requires a new structural platform to be built in Evans Bay so it can be returned to its former site.

To return the Cog to its former site and display it with the appropriate interpretation, is a great opportunity to inform the public of the history of the Patent Slip and the important role it played for Wellington.