

Infrastructure Fund Applicants Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

11 May 2021 - 26 May 2021

PROJECT NAME:

Infrastructure Fund Applicants 2020/2021

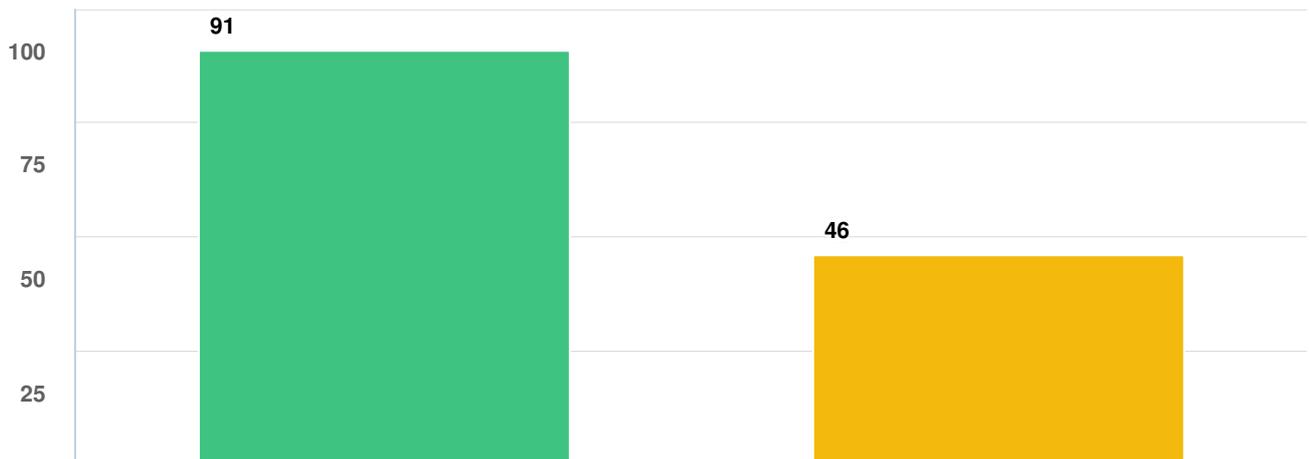


Q5 Do you and/or your family utilise this space currently?**Question options**

● Often ● Sometimes ● Never

Mandatory Question (137 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

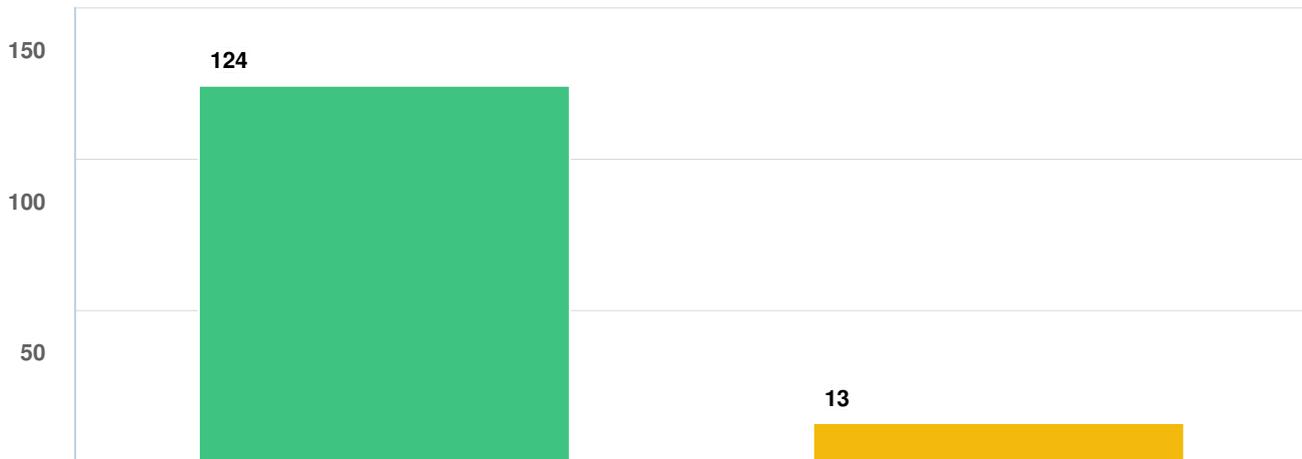
Q6 Would you and/or your family utilise this space more and/or have an enhanced experience in this space if the project was im...**Question options**

● Yes ● No

Mandatory Question (137 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

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Q7 Do you support Council funding this project?**Question options**

Yes No

Mandatory Question (137 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q8 Please add any additional comments you may have

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5/12/2021 07:56 PM

Am all for outdoor activities

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5/13/2021 06:25 AM

I am a former member of the association for trails and have used the facilities at Darling Downs since the 1990's. They have always been well funded and I've watched the area grow in popularity and community contributions. There is no doubt this proposal will support the visitors to the location, but it is not necessary for locals who use the facilities. As the facilities are quite extraordinary and free, I believe a fee should be charged which will cover the cost of yards and a compost facility for visitors.

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it seems proactive and a positive

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5/13/2021 08:04 AM

use of minimal resources

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5/13/2021 08:39 AM

I don't have a horse so this area is of no use to me however if upgrades can be made to make this space better for everyone (horse owners and general public as well) this sounds like a great idea.

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5/13/2021 01:27 PM

Although I do not own a horse I think the requests are very reasonable

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5/13/2021 02:31 PM

It should be up to the horse owners to take their horses manure away with them, like all responsible pet owners are expected to do.

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5/13/2021 07:42 PM

Although I don't use the area anything to assist the environment and be more useful for horse riders of the area I support

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5/14/2021 07:09 AM

A wash down bay or water trough would also be a very good idea. I often wish I had water available when I am here and bringing water can be a challenge. More yards may be needed also for those busy days where you cant find a car park. Jump upgrades with bigger jumps to encourage more riders is preferable also.

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5/14/2021 07:12 AM

Water Points at the tie up bays would also be a good addition, maybe with a timed tap so they can't be left on.

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There is no other place like darling downs that is free with the space, arenas, jumps and trails for people, their families and horses to use.

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5/14/2021 07:53 AM

This area is fabulous for equestrians south of the river. It is a safe, car free environment to take horses to exercise. It is always well used

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5/14/2021 07:59 AM

The manure put is a great idea but I don't think the yards are necessary and we would never use them. I

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	would rather the money is spent on something else.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 08:06 AM	I do not feel it is required, Putting in toilets would be of more benefit.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 08:08 AM	Instead of so many yards as many dont mind/ prefer to tie to there floats. could make a wash down bay with a hose to wash horses after riding
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 08:29 AM	An area commonly used by many equine enthusiasts which needs better infrastructure and attention with the growing population of equine owners in the area.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 08:34 AM	Proposal fitsintended use
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 08:46 AM	Not sure yards are necessary but a tap and toilet facilities would be greatly appreciated. Manure pit is a great idea as long as it is utilized.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 09:19 AM	I think money could be spent better elsewhere rather than day yards. A solid area to tie up horses and a water source eg tap and hose is a better use of funding. Also money should be spend on facilities eg. Bathroom or better xc jumps
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 09:19 AM	I think the day yards would create more problems, I would support manure bins or pits as there are a lot of people who leave manure or throw it up against trees. I would much prefer the money go to planting more native vegetation fir wildlife as it is a real hub for them. Planting a vegetation barrier/screen on the eastern side if the track would be good as there will be a smaller lot development abutting the 70 acres and the track. I would also like to see the funds spent for maintenance of existing facilities

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Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 09:30 AM	I think it's great the council is doing things for us equine owners
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 09:39 AM	A toilet block would be useful in future
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 10:07 AM	We really need a water trough for the horses. Toilets would also be great but I understand it is very costly. The horses come first and would benefit greatly from having access to clean drinking water
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 10:13 AM	I personally do not believe yards are necessary. I think money is better spent on toilet facilities and having wash bays.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 10:18 AM	As im local i ride to the centre, so have no need for yards but they would be very useful for friends who float to the grounds, so i am supportive
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 10:28 AM	This is a fantastic initiative in assisting the horse industry grow and bring more money to local business
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 10:43 AM	This would be amazing and I fully support the upgrades. They will be well used.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 10:56 AM	If a wash bay with access to running water and a hose could be added that would be amazing!
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 11:02 AM	Hose down bays would also be ideal.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 11:05 AM	Better use to have not only yards but toilets and a tap for riders or people walking .also could possibly use pallets that are free to make areas where the manure could be put .
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 11:11 AM	Toilets highly recommended over putting yards in, a tap maybe to supply water to horses and 100% agree on the manure site! We don't need yards.

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<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 11:14 AM</p>	<p>Could use an upgrade in some different jumps, the arenas could use a grade and they get very very soggy when it rains so maybe better drainage. I don't think that amount of day yards is necessary. An undercover picnic bench would also be nice!</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 12:28 PM</p>	<p>Yards not really nessesary. It really needs a toilet and access to water for the horses. A wash down bay would be very welcome.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 11:21 AM</p>	<p>Yards would be safer than tying to trees. Picnic benches for riders after riding would be great ., lights on one of the arena areas would allow more use of the facilities</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 12:00 PM</p>	<p>Also need a covered roofed riding arena</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 12:23 PM</p>	<p>Wash down bays instead of yards would be better</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 12:24 PM</p>	<p>Could do a lot more to enhance this area than just these suggested facilities. Also need to develop other equine riding facilities in shire such as 16 acres located at end of Coffey Rd, Serpentine.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 12:32 PM</p>	<p>Would be great to have a small toilet block here and a tap for water for the horses so we don't have to bring our own</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 12:37 PM</p>	<p>Yards are not necessary: 1) will be left a mess and unpleasant. 2) encourages poor horsemanship as the sort of horse which needs to be put in a yard and can not be tied up is not suited to the area and poses a big hazard. 3) common social dilemmas such as, "Our 7 horses need this space" and "those 3 must be seperate from other horses" makes the yards unsuitable. This</p>

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would cause unpleasant use of facilities. A tie up rail would be a good alternative: 1) encourages not to tie to trailers and trees 2) concrete floor allows for easy clean up, no erosion, no mounds and no horse feed mess 3) 1 side use of the tie up rail (maybe 15m of rail total) encourages no clutter when horse riders stack their gear on the rail whilst tending to the horse. 4) solution to safer vehicle use in carpark Running water would be very luxurious but those who wish to use the facility should be responsible enough to bring their own. Toilets also would be luxurious but not necessary. Nobody NEEDS to be there and aren't paying to be there either. Manure bay would be great. Will need to have concrete floor and be able to handle loader scraping and ramming.

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5/14/2021 12:44 PM

An addition of toilets, and a tap for running water would be great

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5/14/2021 12:52 PM

The manure pit is a must, day yards seem unnecessary unless formal clubs are going to use the space and then those members should contribute. Improving the jumps on offer would be great Even more importantly completing the bridle trails to link with Byford Trotting Complex would improve usage of DD. Or regularly maintaining the open space for riding west of Briggs Rd east of Malarky would also be great.

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5/14/2021 12:54 PM

As myself and many of my equestrian friends use 70 acres quite often, I believe that adding day yards and a manure pit might be helpful to some people, but I truly and strongly believe that adding a water trough (or water station) for both

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	<p>equines and riders to drink and adding toilets (for riders) would be a much better way to spend money and improve the area for everyone. Thank you for reading my response and acknowledging my concerns. I know many from the equestrian community feel the same way</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 01:15 PM</p>	<p>This would address a matter of public safety. These grounds are also used by cyclists. Having horses in secured yards would decrease loose horses who have snapped ties and taken off!</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 01:21 PM</p>	<p>We live on the trails. It was the reason we bought a house in Darling Downs. The facility is amazing and it is used everyday by some many people. We are very lucky to have it. Any additional upgrades would be a bonus.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 01:23 PM</p>	<p>We don't have horses Like many young families and general families So this is useless for them</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 01:37 PM</p>	<p>I think the addition of wash bays and yards to tie up and tack up on would be absolutely brilliant</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 01:46 PM</p>	<p>This space is utilised by the equestrian community both within the shire and outside of it. Currently, it is in use frequently and upgrading will provide extra safety to users for many years to come</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 01:50 PM</p>	<p>This would be a fantastic addition to the current spaces, encouraging equestrians from all areas to come and enjoy the popular riding spot.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 01:54 PM</p>	<p>Definitely needed!!</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2021 02:08 PM</p>	<p>A solid mounting block and wash down bays would be fantastic!</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p>	<p>The yards would enable riders to</p>

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relax and socialise whilst ensuring horses are properly contained and cannot get loose onto surrounding roads.

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This is a great idea and would allow safer use of these facilities

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Good sturdy mounting block and wash bay would be handy.

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5/14/2021 05:26 PM

No need as perfectly fine as it is

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This is a piece of land that was bequeathed to the Shire for the enjoyment of all equestrians in the Shire. The DD Residents Association seems to have plans to turn this space into an area for people to run group lessons and run shows - this will prohibit the use of the land in the intent it was bequeathed to the Shire.

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Manure pit is a good idea. A wash bay would be better used than yards

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The provision of a 'manure pit' will not prevent manure being left in car parks etc. Only a few people will do the right thing. Nor will a pit stop any fly problems. The manure will still be there. 'Day yards' will make it easier for instructors to hold clinics and block other local riders from using arenas. As it is, most instructors pay nothing towards the maintenance of the area, despite the fact that they use it to generate their income. People will bring hay into the yards, causing weed issues within the acres and the neighboring properties. As well as noise issues for neighboring properties and potential loss of value, there is also a likelihood that day yards will encourage overnight camping. 1 or 2 yards for the temporary yarding of run-aways

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might be useful. Any infrastructure spending should go towards making the area safer. The chicane gates on bridle trail / road intersections have been proven time and again not to stop horses. There is insufficient signage to warn drivers of trail crossings. Increasing traffic along Thomas road makes the south part of the Comic Court trail dangerous without a fence. I find it interesting that the South Eastern section of the Thomas rd trail is fenced but the other end is not.

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5/14/2021 07:08 PM

I think a water tap would be the most useful addition.

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5/14/2021 07:24 PM

Thankyou for this amazing facility. Yards with a gate for people to saddle up horses . Mounting blocks for riders. Water jump complex. Undercover dressage arena.

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5/14/2021 07:47 PM

I appreciate the desire from the residents to enhance safety constructing yards and providing a manure collection bin but I would prefer to see the money be spent on a tap and trough and toilet. My husband and I float our horses approx 22km from Serpentine to ride regularly at Darling Downs as the trails are safe and we do not feel safe around Serpentine. A composting toilet would be a welcome facility along with a tap in case out stock water drum n the float is empty.

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5/14/2021 08:12 PM

I always take my manure with me but pits are a wonderful idea. It also allows locals to collect manure for their gardens. Yard's are great and once built will be well utilised.

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5/14/2021 09:15 PM

Water access would be amazing. To fill buckets and wash horses down. Toilets would be great also.

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Yards will make this area safer as the facilities are super, but tying younger or flighty horses to floats when they can break away and run onto roads is a real danger, it can be to users choice to use or not use. Signage would need to be put up to clean own yards and warn users they must Carry their own cleaning equipment in their float in preparation as a conditional of using the grounds, also that a fine will be imposed for leaving manure on ground or in yards. Also although intially people may not like it, but gates which require opening and shutting upon entrance to the grounds wherever possible would make it safer - at least into the float parking area.

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5/15/2021 07:25 AM

This project should have been done a long time ago. It is for safety. This area should get all the help it needs from shire as they don't do enough to help our the DDRA who maintain this area themselves!

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5/15/2021 08:02 AM

The Rain Lover ct car park is being ruined by overuse and floats and cars parking, driving on the grass. Logs need to be put down to stop this and keep them to the gravel. This may encourage more to use the larger Evening Peel park. Still a lot of vehicles driving on the bridle trails and parking near the internal dressage arena. More large warning signs required.

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5/15/2021 12:41 PM

People with horses have loads of ways to fund this proposal . Compared to Jarrahdale proposal for family and children play area especially as it's near toilets, not like forest green were so many people use the back of our houses as a toilet .health hazard to me

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It would be great to have a toilet.

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5/17/2021 01:27 PM

This is a fantastic facility maintained by the committee. The installation of day yards and manure pits would exponentially enhance this location, increase safety and overall appearance of the venue.

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5/17/2021 05:28 PM

We don't use this facility but can certainly see a benefit to the proposal.

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5/17/2021 07:37 PM

The proposed upgrades to 70 acres would greatly benefit the community & residents of Darling Downs & surrounding areas, seeing as the area is well known as a horse community. Many people use 70 acres & receive much enjoyment & social interaction while using the facilities . I feel another important & incredibly beneficial facility would be to have public toilets built.

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5/18/2021 06:39 AM

Water facilities to be able to give horses a drink and riders that dont float but ride there

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5/21/2021 08:09 AM

Whilst i do not have an interest in horses or use the area i believe the project has merit for those that do.

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5/23/2021 09:34 PM

It will be good to have more places to ride horses.

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5/24/2021 12:44 PM

The council should fund this project because it would be safer for users to be able to put their horses into yards. The manure pit is a great idea as people are using the bins for manure and would help to keep the carpark tidy. Also, a large part of the cost is coming money that the Darling Downs Residents Association already hold. The new gates on the 70 acres are fantastic and a life saver for some horses. They were a great initiative! I see that some

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people would like a toilet there. That would be great but who would clean it? Would be nice to have but too hard to maintain.

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5/24/2021 01:44 PM

More facilities will be needed for equine community as greedy urban development takes over rural acre properties. This should be an easy fix that could set a standard for future equine carparks

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5/24/2021 03:52 PM

I love this facility and always take the manure home but am very dissappointed when I see others leave it. I do endurance and we have to clean up facilities we ride in or we loose them. Yards would be good to encourage more riders.

Optional question (75 response(s), 62 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question