

6.5. MOSSMAN GOLF CLUB - RENEWAL OF MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Renews the Management Agreement with Mossman Golf Club Inc for Lot 263 SR540, Lot 20 and 21 SP212664 for a further two years, or until such time as a lease is negotiated;**
- 2. Allows the rent to remain at \$20,000 per annum for the additional two years;**
- 3. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with s 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to determine and finalise all matters associated with the agreement.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 27 October 2020, Council resolved to enter into a Management Agreement with Mossman Golf Club Inc to operate the golf course at 51 Newell Road, Newell.

The Management Agreement expires on 16 December 2023. Mossman Golf Club Inc have been discussing options for a long-term lease with Property staff, but this is yet to be finalised. To that end, it is proposed that a renewal of the Management Agreement for a further two years be implemented while lease negotiations continue.

BACKGROUND

On 28 July 2020, Council resolved to purchase the Mossman Golf Club.

Following the purchase, Council resolved to enter into a Management Agreement with Mossman Golf Club Inc, a not-for-profit organisation run by members of the golf club.

The agreement was for a three-year period and sets out responsibilities for Mossman Golf Club Inc as lessee and Council as lessor.

COMMENTS

Since the commencement of the agreement, Mossman Golf Club Inc have invested heavily in improving the facilities and viability of the club.

To ensure that the future of the club is sustainable, it is imperative that a long-term lease and associated conditions are carefully considered.

Renewing the Management Agreement for a further two years will allow the time required for this to occur.

PROPOSAL

That Council:

1. Renews the Management Agreement with Mossman Golf Club Inc for Lot 263 SR540, Lot 20 and 21 SP212664 for a further two (2) years, or until such time as a lease is negotiated;
2. Allows the rent to remain at \$20,000 per annum for the additional two (2) years;
3. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with s 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to determine and finalise all matters associated with the agreement.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

With no changes proposed to what is in the current agreement, the financial and resource implications are neutral.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Renewing the Management Agreement for a further two years ensures that a tenure arrangement continues to be in place while further negotiations are undertaken for a lease. This ensures that insurances are maintained and responsibilities for the assets are clear.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- Economic:** Mossman Golf Club employ local staff and contractors. Additionally, the RV park has proven to generate direct economic outcomes with additional visitors to the Mossman region.
- Environmental:** Nil
- Social:** The Mossman Golf Club is a community asset that contributes directly to the well-being of members and visitors. The club runs a strong junior program and supports NDIS recipients on a regular basis.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Initiatives:

Theme 1 - Celebrating Our Communities

Douglas Shire Council embraces the diversity of our communities and values the contribution that all people make to the Shire. We recognise that it is a core strength of the region. We acknowledge our past so that it may guide us in the future.

We recognise the wrongs done to our Indigenous community and we actively seek to reconcile so that we may all benefit from and enjoy our Shire. We acknowledge early European settlers

who forged an agricultural base for our economy and we welcome all new arrivals as part of our broader community.

Goal 3 - We will develop programs that promote health, well-being and safety in the community.

Operational Plan 2023-2024 Actions:

New project arisen during the financial year.

COUNCIL'S ROLE

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

Custodian Council owns and manages infrastructure, facilities, reserves, resources and natural areas. In fulfilling its role as custodian, Council will be mindful of the community, the economy, the environment, and good governance.

CONSULTATION

Internal: Councillor Workshop 14 November 2023
Finance
Building Facilities

External: Mossman Golf Club Inc

ATTACHMENTS

Nil