

### **3.4. OPERATIONAL PLAN 2021-2022 INITIATIVE - PORT DOUGLAS AQUATIC PRECINCT**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council adds the Port Douglas Aquatic Precinct initiative to the Operational Plan 2021-2022 as detailed in this report.**

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council is required to adopt an annual Operational Plan. Details of this requirement and the Operational Plan can be found in the report entitled: Operational Plan 2021-2022.

This proposed additional item includes concept designs, community consultation and detailed designs for a pool and splash park in Port Douglas.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Councillors have developed the Operational Plan 2021-2022 through a series of collaborative workshops. This initiative was significantly debated and there was not general agreement about its inclusion. So that Councillors can openly debate the initiative and determine whether to include it in the Plan, this separate report has been provided to enable that discussion without directly impacting the overall adoption of the Plan.

If Council resolves this recommendation, the initiative will be added to the Plan.

#### **COMMENT**

As per the format in the Operational Plan, the initiative, if added into the report, will include the following information:

**Initiative Name:** Port Douglas Aquatic Precinct

**Description:** Following approval of concept and detailed design progress towards funding for an aquatic precinct, that includes a splash park. Ensure community engagement. The splash park will be phase one.

**Department:** Community Services

**Target:** Completed designs, community engagement and identification of potential funding sources.

Importantly, while the design will encompass the longer-term version which includes a pool, the more immediate priority is the splash park. Therefore, designs should enable a phased approach to actual construction.

## PROPOSAL

That Council adds the Port Douglas Aquatic Precinct initiative to the Operational Plan 2021-2022 as detailed in this report.

## FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The deliverables and strategic projects outlined in the Operational Plan 2021-2022 have significant budget implications in that they are funded in the budget in the 2021-2022 financial year.

## RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Loss of public confidence (majority of population) and credibility in Councillors, staff and organisation if Operational Plan objectives are not achieved – This moderate risk will be minimized by the review of KPIs, linkages of the operational plan deliverables and reporting against the plan quarterly.

## SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

**Economic:** Nil

**Environmental:** Nil

**Social:** Nil

## CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

### Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Initiatives:

#### **Theme 5 - Robust Governance and Efficient Service Delivery**

Strong governance and financial management are the foundations of the way in which Council will conduct its business and implement the initiatives of the Corporate Plan.

**Goal 1** - *We will conduct Council business in an open and transparent manner with strong oversight and open reporting.*

**Goal 2** - *We will put the customer at the centre of our service delivery and process improvement as we deliver efficient and appropriate services based on community expectations.*

**Goal 3** - *We will make sound financial decisions by ensuring robust strategic planning, financial management and reporting.*

**Goal 4** - *We will work with our communities to ensure they are informed, empowered and supported so that they are resilient to the impacts of disaster events. Through our leadership and capabilities we will plan, prepare, respond and recover from events so as to minimise the impact on people, property, the environment, and our economic stability.*

## **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:

**Advocate** Council makes representation on behalf of the community on important issues, funding opportunities, projects and programs. Council will use its influence to seek the best outcomes for the community.

## **CONSULTATION**

**Internal:** Management Team & Councillors

**External:** Nil

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Nil

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil