

ORDINARY MEETING  16 DECEMBER 2014	5.12
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REPORT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Linda Cardew – Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council receives and notes the report.**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report presents an outline of some of the operational initiatives and progress made by Council's administration during the year 2014. It is a celebration of a new Council and its first year of achievements. It shows the work of capable teams who are proud of Douglas, committed to the community and to the future, positive growth of Douglas.

**BACKGROUND:**

At every second Council meeting an overview of Council's operations is provided by the Chief Executive Officer. The aim of these reports is to communicate how the administration is managing the diverse activities and challenges arising in the course of Council's business, and to summarise work in progress and the milestones achieved. Detailed reports over past months can be located on Council's website.

**REPORT:**

The final report for 2014 is presented in the attached document. The format differs from that of past reports and Councillors are encouraged to enjoy a more interactive account of operational projects and initiatives.

**CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE:**

Council's operations are conducted as required by the Local Government Act 2009, and in accordance with all applicable policies and the Douglas Shire Council Operational Plan 2014 - 2015 adopted 27 June 2014.

**FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Council's operations are conducted in accordance with the 2014-2015 Budget adopted 27 June 2014.

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:**

The new Council's operations have been subjected to an early risk assessment process, the adoption of the Enterprise Risk Management Policy in April 2014, the Enterprise Risk Management Framework and Guidelines, and the finalisation of the Corporate Risk Register in the first half of 2015.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

**SOCIAL:** The diverse communities of Douglas are Council's clients. Council's operations, services and programs are designed and delivered to support the people of Douglas.

**ECONOMIC:** The twin pillars of financial and economic sustainability underpin all Council's operations.

**ENVIRONMENTAL:** Environmental management is a priority consideration in the delivery of all Council operations and services.

**INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:**

All Departments and Teams across Council have been consulted and have participated in the development of this end of year report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

***Attachment 5.12a - Go Douglas! Celebrating 2014.***