

5.13. REPORT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – GO DOUGLAS! CELEBRATING 2015

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents an outline of some of the operational initiatives and progress made by Council's administration during the year 2015. It is a fine celebration of a new Council and its second full calendar 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. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all staff across the Council who have again worked tirelessly and enthusiastically throughout the year to ensure that Council's vision for a sustainable future is achieved.

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.

The final report for 2015 is presented in the attached document. The format differs from that of traditional reports and Councillors and the community are encouraged to enjoy a more interactive account of operational projects and initiatives.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council's operations are conducted in accordance with the 2015-2016 Budget adopted 24 June 2015.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Council's operations have been subjected to an early risk assessment process.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

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.

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.

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 2015 - 2016 adopted 24 June 2015.

CONSULTATION

Internal: Council's General Managers, Branch Managers, Team Leaders and staff have been consulted and have contributed to the preparation of this report.

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT 1 – GO DOUGLAS! 2015 is a web-based document. Please click on the following hyperlink to view:

http://issuu.com/douglasshirecouncil/docs/go_douglas_2015