

5.13. LANE ROPES FOR BICENTENNIAL SWIMMING POOL

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to increase the 2015/16 Capital Works Program by \$18,000 to facilitate the purchase of six lane ropes and associated equipment for the Mossman Bicentennial Swimming Pool.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A request has been received from the Mossman Meteors Swimming Club for Council to supply lane ropes at the Mossman Bicentennial Swimming Pool. They have reported that their membership has now grown to over 70 members and the installation of lane ropes will not only enhance safety but will also be necessary to attract prestigious swimming carnivals.

As this cost was not anticipated when formulating the 2015/16 Annual Budget, this request is presented to Council to formalise the amendment in the 2015/16 Capital Works Program to progress the purchase of this equipment.

COMMENT

The Mossman Meteor Swimming Club has recently re-formed and are conducting training sessions at the Mossman Bicentennial Swimming Pool. Currently there are no lane ropes at the pool and the club has approached Council to purchase lane ropes and associated equipment for storage.

Quotes have been obtained and Club representatives have confirmed that the MYTI 125mm lane ropes with tensioners are their preferred option.

PROPOSAL

To progress the purchase of lane ropes and associated equipment for the Mossman Bicentennial Swimming Pool, an increase in the 2015/16 Capital Works Program is sought from Council.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Quotes have been obtained and the cost to purchase 6 (50mMYTI 125mm) lane ropes with super tensioner and 2 "storeel" storage rollers equates to \$17,493. This capital purchase was not anticipated when formulating the 2015/16 budget and therefore approval from Council is now sought.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

As advised by the Mossman Meteors Swimming Club, the installation of lane ropes will enhance safety requirements at the pool.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Economic: Nil

Environmental: Nil

Social: The Mossman Meteor Swimming Club has advised that apart from the safety requirement, installation of lane ropes are necessary in order to attract prestigious swimming carnivals, as well a high class venue or recreational swimming.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2014-2019 Initiatives:

Theme 1 - Celebrating Our Communities

1.1.4 - Support and encourage a healthy, active and capable region through sporting, cultural and recreational opportunities, and community wellbeing initiatives.

1.1.5 - Support local non-profit community, sporting and cultural organisations to build their capacity.

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:

Asset-Owner Meeting the responsibilities associated with owning or being the custodian of assets such as infrastructure.

CONSULTATION

Internal: Nil

External: Request received from Mossman Meteors Swimming Club