

### **5.3. ESTABLISHMENT OF A PORT DOUGLAS SPORTS COMPLEX USER GROUP COMMITTEE**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council resolves to form a User Group Committee for the Port Douglas Sports Complex and nominates a Councillor to be a member of the group.**

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council intends to establish a User Group Committee that will meet on a regular basis to discuss matters pertaining to the Port Douglas Sports Complex and to ensure its ongoing viability as a multi-purpose sporting and recreational venue.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The complex is a shared use facility. The current regular users of the complex are Douglas Netball Association, Douglas United Football Club (Soccer), D.I.R.T Mountain Bike Association, Douglas Cricket Association Incorporated (DCAI) - The Muddies, Port Douglas Rugby Union – Reef Raiders, Port Douglas Football Club - Crocs (AFL Seniors and Juniors).

There is currently no mechanism in place for these users to meet regularly to discuss matters in regard to their use of the facility.

#### **COMMENT**

Establishing a Port Douglas Sports Complex User Group will enhance communication between the regular user groups, and between Council and these users of the complex.

As is currently the case with the Coronation Park Mossman Showgrounds User Group, it is proposed that a Councillor be nominated as a member of the user group.

#### **PROPOSAL**

That Council establishes a User Group Committee for the Port Douglas Sports Complex and nominates a Councillor to be a member of the group.

#### **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Council Officers will be required to organize and attend these meetings.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Establishing and maintaining a user group will lead to a more cohesive environment and better management of this multi-purpose venue.

## **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.*

*1.2.3 – Develop and support opportunities to build resilience and sustainability of community groups and agencies.*

*1.2.4 – Network, advocate and partner with stakeholders to achieve positive outcomes.*

*1.3.4 – Provide and enhance community facilities and opportunities that cater for the arts, recreational and cultural pursuits.*

## **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:

<b>Asset-Owner</b>	Meeting the responsibilities associated with owning or being the custodian of assets such as infrastructure.
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## **CONSULTATION**

<b>Internal:</b>	Manager Governance Senior Property Officer
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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil