

5.8. OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT JANUARY TO MARCH 2019

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the third quarterly report detailing the progress of the Operational Plan for 2018-2019.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's annual Operational Plan details specific initiatives driven by Council's five year Corporate Plan and Council's specific strategic and policy directions. In the 2018 – 2019 financial year Council identified a broad range of projects that would benefit all communities across the Shire and will see firm strategic initiatives put in place to establish a sound foundation for the Shire's future.

This report and the attachment detail the progress for the first quarter of the financial year in implementing Council's Operational Plan 2018 - 2019.

To deliver the initiatives a comprehensive internal program has been developed which is regularly reviewed by the Management Team to ensure work priorities are being met.

BACKGROUND

The Operational Plan 2018 - 2019 was adopted 19 June 2018 in conjunction with the Annual Budget 2018 - 2019. Under section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a written assessment of the progress of implementing the Operational Plan is to be presented to Council on at least a quarterly basis.

PROPOSAL

The attachment to this report provides Council with the progress on implementing the Operational Plan 2018 - 2019 for the first quarter of this financial year.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The activities detailed within the Operational Plan 2018 - 2019 are factored into Council's annual budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Progress on the Operational Plan 2018 - 2019 is a regular item for the Management Team to ensure appropriate and relevant resources are deployed to complete the initiatives by the due dates as listed.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2014-2019 Initiatives:

Theme 5 – Governance

5.2.1 - Provide Councillors and community with accurate, unbiased and factual reporting to enable accountable and transparent decision-making.

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:

Fully-Responsible: Delivering a program or activity for another organisation (usually another level of government).

Regulator: Meeting the responsibilities associated with regulating activities through legislation or local law.

CONSULTATION

All managers have been consulted and provide the progress on the major initiatives being undertaken by their teams.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Operational Plan Progress Report January to March 2019 **[5.8.1]**

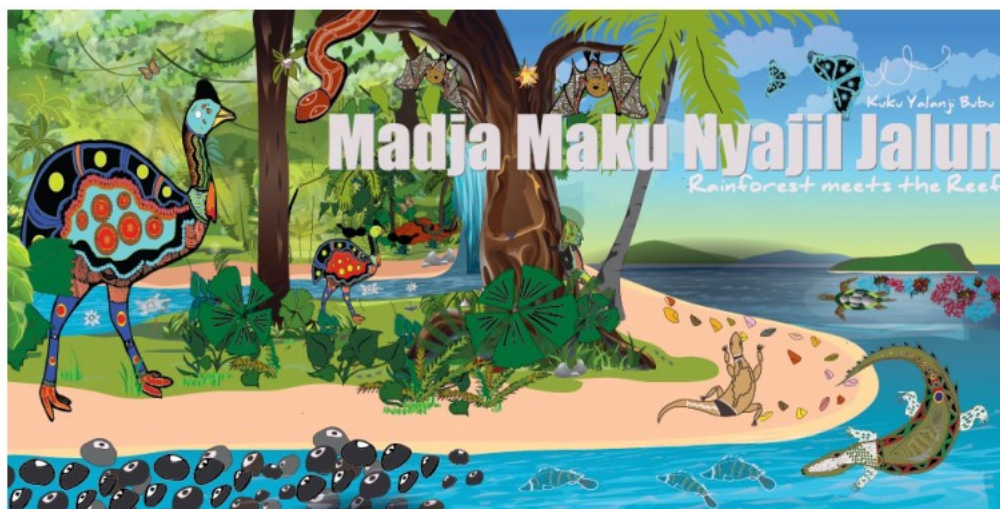
DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

2018 - 2019

January - March 2019

BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIVERSE DOUGLAS
PROVIDING COMMUNITY BENEFITS AND SERVICES
SUPPORTING ECONOMIC GROWTH
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ENGAGING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES





Douglas Shire Council would like to show its appreciation by acknowledging local indigenous artists Lenice Schonenberger, Loretta Pierce (Lenoy) and Ronald Bamboo for providing the cover artwork entitled "**Daintree Ferry**"

Ongoing and Recurring Operational Responsibilities

In addition to the specific initiatives identified for the 2018/2019 financial year, the ongoing work of each department/branch of Council forms part of Council's 'business as usual' operations. A summary of the ongoing responsibilities is listed below:

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

- **Good Governance** – Facilitating the decision making and leadership of Council through provision of advice and information.
- **Strategic Planning** – Planning for a successful future for the Shire.
- **Community Sustainability** – Identifying and acting on opportunities to strengthen the economic, environmental and social base for the Shire.
- **Financial Sustainability** – Planning for and supporting the development of a financially sustainable Council.
- **Organisational Performance and Culture** – Managing the resources of Council effectively and efficiently to ensure sustainable performance, a high level of service delivery and a positive culture.
- **Engagement and Advocacy** – Creating and supporting productive and strategic relationships with the communities of Douglas, local and regional stakeholders and other levels of government.

CEO UNIT

- Promoting and enhancing Council's corporate image through the implementation of high quality communications, marketing and media liaison.
- Actively collaborating with the business community and organisations to support and develop economic development opportunities in the Shire and regionally.
- Actively participating in the development of opportunities for all sectors of the community including but not limited to the arts, culture and sports.
- Developing and implementing community resilience programs throughout the Shire.
- Actively collaborating with community groups, organisations and various levels of government to develop and implement programs and activities that encourage capacity building and inclusiveness.
- Developing, implementing and promoting Council's grants program.
- Providing grant information and support for community groups and grant applicants for Council projects.
- Ongoing coordinating of Council events, supporting Council funded events and provision of advice for other event organisers.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

- Ensuring land use assessment and environmental planning functions are carried out in accordance with statutory requirements, including processing of Development Applications and Operational Works Applications within legislated timeframes.
- Administering compliance with relevant State legislation, Council Local Laws and the Douglas Shire Planning Scheme.
- Managing Local Law, Environmental Health and other delegated licensing, permitting and registration functions.
- Undertaking strategic land use planning functions in accordance with statutory requirements.
- Managing recycling and waste collection and disposal contracts and Council's Resource Management facilities in a safe, sustainable and environmentally sensitive manner.
- Providing strategic direction and outcomes for delivering environmental sustainability in the Shire.
- Developing and implementing a disaster management policy and programs to achieve the objectives of the *Disaster Management Act 2003*, in particular the promotion of safer, and more secure and resilient communities.

WATER AND WASTEWATER

- Managing the Water and Wastewater income and expenditure within approved budget and in accordance with Council strategies and plans.
- Meeting wastewater compliance within statutory requirements and licence conditions.
- Supplying drinking water and recycled water that meets customer quality requirements and agreed service standards in accordance with the approved Drinking Water Quality Management Plan.
- Managing and developing Trade Waste and Plumbing Applications in the Shire.
- Managing Council contracts and where required, negotiating new contracts relating to Water and Wastewater.
- Maintaining Council's Water and Wastewater assets to ensure maximum lifespan and output capacity in the lifecycle of those assets.
- Monitoring systems, procedures and the workplace environment to ensure equipment, plant and machinery is safe to operate and work processes comply with workplace health and safety legislation and standards.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE

- Undertaking project management of major capital construction activities for Council.
- Undertaking project management of disaster rehabilitation construction activities for Council.
- Providing advice on design, procurement, approvals and construction functions to internal and external stakeholders.
- Delivering projects in an efficient, environmentally sustainable, quality assured and timely manner.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

- Continuing the development and implementation of infrastructure planning to enhance and preserve the natural and built environment.
- Coordinating the development and implementation of the Landscape Management Plan.
- Planning and construction of a network of bicycle trails, traffic separation and management arrangements.
- Asset assessment and valuation to prioritise road reseals, road rehabilitation, building facility upgrades, stormwater network improvements, parks and playgrounds.
- Coordinating Pest Management Activities across Council controlled, State Government and private land.
- Coordinating disaster recovery activities in accordance with disaster management procedures.
- Fleet Management services including maintenance and asset renewal.

FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Coordinating the annual audit of Council's financial systems and financial statements and achieving an unmodified audit result.
- Complying with all relevant legislation, policies and procedures including statutory reporting requirements.
- Facilitating the Rates & Water Billing functions and managing Debtor balances within acceptable limits.
- Processing Accounts Payable within the allocated timeframes and trading terms.
- Ensuring Payroll is processed in a timely manner and is compliant with all relevant legislation, policies and procedures.
- Supporting the Information Technology function with set up of new systems and ongoing support for Council operations.

PEOPLE AND GOVERNANCE

- Developing and maintaining an effective risk management system and culture to mitigate risks to Council.
- Ensuring Governance systems, functions and reporting frameworks are developed and implemented to meet organisational requirements.
- Delivering a quality frontline service ensuring a high standard of customer service that meets the needs of Council and its communities.
- Providing a quality complaints management process for Council which ensures not only legislative compliance but improved service quality to the community.
- Delivering an effective and efficient insurance function ensuring adequate coverage of Council's assets and provision of a quality insurance claims function.
- Providing a property services function which optimises utilisation of Council facilities and ensures a strategic approach to property management.
- Managing Council's records management system ensuring processes and systems are in place to capture all Council records and maintain legislative compliance.
- Managing Council's human resources functions including employee relations, compliance, compensation and benefits, training and development, recruitment, and all other employee related matters.
- Supporting Council's Workplace Health and Safety system ensuring the provision of a safe working environment for all employees.
- Provision of targeted Organisational Business Support for Corporate Services and Operations.

LIBRARY

- Coordinating, planning and delivering library services to residents and visitors of the Shire.
- Complying with Queensland Public Libraries standards and guidelines.
- Providing a welcoming creative Library space in Mossman and Port Douglas that delivers programs and activities to support and enhance reader development, lifelong learning and participation for all.

Developing the 2020 - 2024 Corporate Plan

No.	Operational Initiative	Success Measure	Lead Unit	Expected Period of Work	External Resources	Status	Comments
	Development of a new Corporate Plan 2020-2024 to strategically position Council to meet the changing needs of the community.	Adoption by Council by 30 April 2019.	Executive Leadership Team	10 months	Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Over 750 survey responses received to date. Community engagement sessions underway, Council offsite planned for first week of May..

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Theme 1 - Celebrating Our Communities

With a diverse range of communities throughout the region, we will value cultural identity, heritage and inclusiveness. We will embrace opportunities to work in collaboration with our communities to celebrate our successes, talents and uniqueness.

No.	Operational Initiative	Success Measure	Lead Unit	Expected Period of Work	Additional Resources	Status	Comment
G2 To encourage and support our vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.							
1.2.1	Advocate to Federal and State Governments for funding to construct a domestic violence refuge and a suitable organisation to operate the facility.	Documentation of a fully functional operating model that can be taken to the Government to secure funding.	CEO Unit	12 months	Department of Communities, Disability Services & Seniors; Department of Child Safety, Youth & Women; Department of Housing & Public Works; local and regional stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Steering Group formed and Council will work with to develop and document the most appropriate operating model. Council will be updated on progress through future Councillor workshops in June 2019.
1.2.2	Stage 3 of the Education and Collaboration Plan with the Mossman Gorge Community on the keeping of domesticated animals.	Stage 3 actions completed and workshopped with Councillors.	Sustainable Communities	12 months	Key Stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Officers have been planning an education fun day which will be held in the community on Thursday 11 April 2019, coinciding with the school holidays. The day is being supported by BBN and aims to promote responsible pet ownership, increase dog registration rates and build relationships between Local Laws Officers and residents.
G3 To promote inclusiveness, through accessible programs, social infrastructure and facilities that meet the needs of our diverse communities and visitors.							
1.3.1	Host a Regional Creative Arts Summit.	Summit hosted in Mossman including majority of FNQROC (Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils) areas.	CEO Unit	6 months	Tourism Port Douglas Daintree	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	In partnership with the Regional Arts Services Network (RASN), a network has been established for the Far North Qld sector, which encompasses 12 Regional Councils. A summit, or conference, for representatives from these regions is being discussed for 2019. Arts Queensland funding has been established and the funds allocated to the Network are currently being discussed (\$450,000 over 3 years, matched funding). DSC has proposed to RASN to host the Network conference. RASN currently considering hosting forum in later part of 2019.

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1.3.2	Investigate options, including upgrades, to Council owned facilities which will potentially attract increased community use.	Develop long term asset management plans for the Mossman Shire Hall, Port Douglas Community Centre and Daintree Shire Hall; to be endorsed by Council and to inform future capital works programs.	Facilities Maintenance	9 months	Internal and external stake holders.	Click here to enter text. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	A steering group has been set up to review community assets users, needs, wants and asset condition. Officers will discuss the findings with Council before the end of financial year.
1.3.3	Activate Teamsters Park to promote local attractions and as a gateway to the Shire and Wet Tropics through a staged development plan.	Staged development master plan, including consultation and design components, adopted by Council.	CEO Unit	12 months	Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Draft Masterplan completed March 2019 and will be workshopped in future Council Workshop.

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Theme 2 - Building a Sustainable Economic Base

Council recognises that its decisions regarding the services it delivers can have a positive impact on the region's economy. The maintenance of infrastructure and the building of new infrastructure supports the region's workforce and provides employment opportunities. By adopting a practical approach to decision-making and by working collaboratively with the business community, new initiatives can be introduced to make the Shire more attractive to investors. Council's support for economic growth in a role as advocate, facilitator or part funder, will assist others to achieve complementary or common economic goals.

No.	Operational Initiative	Success Measure	Lead Unit	Expected Period of Work	Additional Resources	Status	Comment
G1	<i>To develop a sustainable Capital Works program that generates local opportunities for employment.</i>						
2.1.1	Conduct annual Digital Video Recording (DVR) to determine current status of the Shire's roads.	DVR completed.	Civil Works	1 month	Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Work completed in early January 2019.
2.1.2	Additional water extraction site designed and integrated into existing water infrastructure.	Design completed and presented to a Councillor Workshop for information.	Water & Wastewater	12 months	Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Tenders received and being reviewed, expect to award work in week commencing 23 April 19. Design expected to be completed in September 2019. Delayed due to expectation this project may fall under a continuation of the Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline Program (MIPP) however in December 2018 that funding was ceased and the current tender process was able to proceed.
2.1.3	Asset Edge trial for Water and Wastewater operations.	Trial completed and outcomes presented to the Executive Leadership Team.	Water & Wastewater	12 months	Consultant; Tablets required	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Engaged with Asset Edge for Water and Wastewater operations in August 2018. Waiting for data integrity to be updated in Council's mapping systems scheduled to be completed by April, before trial can commence.
G2	<i>To support the growth of local business and industry, and to encourage commercial investment in the Shire.</i>						
2.2.1	Port Douglas Waterfront South Precinct Stage 2 - to develop the endorsed preliminary concept plan to a community accepted Master Plan.	Completion of community engagement and project progression to a shovel ready status.	Corporate Services	12 months	Consultant; External Stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Public consultation on the Port Douglas Waterfront South Precinct Planning closed 30 September. The project was discussed at a Workshop in November. A final report will be presented to the February 2019 Council Meeting.

No.	Operational Initiative	Success Measure	Lead Unit	Expected Period of Work	Additional Resources	Status	Comment
2.2.2	Increase the number and value of conferences, exhibitions and meetings held in the Shire.	Research and prepare a conference and events service directory.	CEO Unit	6 months	Tourism Port Douglas Daintree; Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Initial research and audit of venues and suppliers completed. Draft conference and events service directory completed, considering options with Tourism Port Douglas Daintree
2.2.3	Support and implement projects identified in the Economic Development Strategy Taskforce Priority Action Plans.	Projects endorsed by Council and implemented.	CEO Unit	12 months	Taskforce; Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Taskforces met in November 2018. Projects identified and project plan preparation commenced. Review projects and rate priority and to be considered in 2019-20 year.
2.2.4	Build on and promote investment opportunities in the Shire.	Host bi-annual Business Conference.	CEO Unit	6 months		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Business Conference initiative to be reviewed by CEO and Mayor. Review viability of hosting conference and identify partners and be considered in 2019-20 year.
G3	<i>To increase opportunities to promote the Shire as a destination of choice.</i>						
2.3.1	Develop funding submission for Stage 1 of the Principal Cycle Network.	Funding submission lodged.	Civil Works; CEO Unit	3 months	Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Funding submission lodged with the Queensland Government in December 2018.
2.3.2	Audit current Council and privately owned infrastructure in venues utilised for holding events.	Preparation of an Event Infrastructure Investment Plan for Council assets adoption by Council.	CEO Unit	4 months		<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Audit of venues completed. Report to be provided to Council's Building Facilities Officer for inclusion in future capital works proposals. Proposals developed for inclusion into the Capital Works Budget 2019-2024.

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Theme 3 - Improve Environmental Performance

Council has the opportunity to demonstrate leadership by local government in our diverse communities by implementing responsible environmental practices. With eighty-two per cent of the Shire included in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, the preservation of the natural environment will be supported by the implementation of location-specific management plans. Council will also adopt measures to reduce consumption, more effectively managing waste, and will achieve a reduction in energy and fuel consumption through greater efficiencies in service delivery.

No.	Operational Initiative	Success Measure	Lead Unit	Expected Period of Work	Additional Resources	Status	Comment
G1	<i>To enhance and preserve cultural heritage, natural and built environments through sound planning and community involvement.</i>						
3.1.1	Develop and implement a Trade Waste Environmental Management Plan and update processes and software to ensure compliance and efficiency.	Environmental Management Plan endorsed by Council.	Water and Wastewater	12 months	Consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Project is awaiting the appointment of Manager, Water and Wastewater.
3.1.2	Environmental investigation into Newell Landfill and former Sanitary Depot to provide information to allow the future removal of each site from the Environmental Authority.	Study endorsed by Council.	Sustainable Communities	12 months	Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Additional environmental sampling at both sites has continued to be undertaken, including the access to background bores under the control of the State. A proposed pre-lodgement meeting with the Department of Environment and Science (DES) in January has been postponed pending the results from further investigations into each site and the analysis of data from more recent sampling of groundwaters. A consultant has been engaged to undertake the further investigations into each site with the report to be ready in mid- May 2019.
3.1.3	Develop and implement a waste and recycling education program for schools and multiple unit dwellings in the Shire to increase recycling rates, reduce contamination and reduce waste to landfill.	Education program developed and implemented. Report to Council on program and outcomes.	Sustainable Communities	12 months	Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	The education program for schools is in the process of being finalised. Schools will be offered time slots in June for these programs to be delivered. Online waste and recycling surveys are soon to be available with targeted surveys being sent to larger multi-unit and commercial properties, and smaller general surveys will be available for all residents, small commercial properties and visitors to Douglas Shire.

No.	Operational Initiative	Success Measure	Lead Unit	Expected Period of Work	Additional Resources	Status	Comment
3.1.4	Development of a Safety Management System for all resource management operations to align with Council's Workplace Health & Safety Management Plan.	Safety Management System for relevant transfer stations developed and implemented.	Sustainable Communities	12 months	Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	The health and safety consultant is continuing to work through the auditing of Council's various sites where waste is received. An action plan for all sites is being developed and implemented and rectifications are being completed as identified in order of priority.
3.1.5	Develop a Coconut Action Plan 2018 - 2019, report to Council and implement action.	Coconut Action Plan actions completed.	Public Places	12 months		<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	<p>The Coconut Action Plan 2018/2019 was adopted at Council's Ordinary Meeting on 7 August 2018.</p> <p>First round of de-nutting completed in December. Removal of high risk palms is progressing.</p>
3.1.6	Partner with community organisations to conduct six drain stencilling events in conjunction with an awareness raising campaign about the impact of litter and land run-off on waterways and the Great Barrier Reef.	Drain stencils created and installed at six public locations that will deliver the message with the most impact.	CEO Unit	5 months		<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Drain stencils undertaken in six locations in October and November 2018.
3.1.7	Support the Shire's environmental sustainability credentials through recognised accreditation programs.	Project plan for achieving Regional Eco Destination Certification endorsed by Council.	CEO Unit	6 months	Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Global 2018 Top 100 Sustainable Destination certification achieved. Project plan for achieving Global Sustainable Tourism Certification accreditation in progress.
3.1.8	Undertake a concept, scoping and pre-feasibility study, including potential partners, for a Cassowary Research, Rehabilitation and Breeding Centre in the Daintree.	Scoping and pre-feasibility study completed as the first stage in the project development process.	CEO Unit	12 months	Wet Tropics Management Authority; Jabalbina Aboriginal Corporation; Universities; Consultants	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	<p>Initial meeting with Cassowary Recovery Team. Research on Mission Beach facility scheduled.</p> <p>Officers to visit existing Mission Beach Research facility and Daintree Discovery Centre in May, review existing research by JCU.</p>

No.	Operational Initiative	Success Measure	Lead Unit	Expected Period of Work	Additional Resources	Status	Comment
G2	<i>To reduce the consumption of energy and other resources in all Council operations.</i>						
3.2.1	Undertake the 2018/19 actions outlined in the Corporate Sustainability Strategy 2017 - 2020.	Sustainability Strategy actions completed and reported to Council.	Sustainable Communities	12 months		<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Sustainability actions are mostly on track in accordance with the strategy. Additional actions, not originally identified in the strategy, have required prioritisation of work, this includes reviewing the proposed changes to the Wet Tropics Management Plan and driving the Global Sustainable Tourism Certification.
3.2.2	Investigate feasibility and design of a Solar Farm on Killaloe Landfill.	Outcome of investigations endorsed by Council.	Sustainable Communities	12 months	Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	A consultant was engaged to undertake the investigation into the viability of solar farming on the two identified sites. The draft report has been received and is being reviewed by staff with the intent to workshop with Councillors in May 2019.

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Theme 4 - Engage, Plan, Partner

Council will engage with the diverse communities of Douglas in accordance with clear policies, plans and techniques to ensure needs, issues and concerns are appropriately considered in all decision-making. Strategic planning and partnerships with regional, state, national and international stakeholders will be strengthened through focus on key goals, opportunities and positive outcomes.

No.	Operational Initiative	Success Measure	Lead Unit	Expected Period of Work	Additional Resources	Status	Comment
G1	To implement the Community Engagement Framework and Guidelines as adopted.						
4.1.1	Community Survey - in conjunction with Council, develop strategies to address agreed target areas from the Community Satisfaction Survey.	Strategies to target key areas identified in the Community Survey endorsed by Council.	Executive Leadership Team	9 months		<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Analysis of results was completed. Actions will be incorporated into new Corporate Plan rather than creating a separate action plan.
4.1.2	Undertake Stage 1 of Daintree River Ferry Contract renewal which will focus on community/stakeholder engagement and feasibility studies on potential ferry operations expansion.	Stage 1 actions completed and reported to Council.	Corporate Services	12 months	Consultants	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Community Engagement Plan for the ferry contract renewal was adopted by Council on 24 July 2018. Following community engagement sessions held with residents and business operators north of the Daintree River, Council has called for Expressions of Interests for the contract renewal of the Daintree Ferry which expires in 2021. The contract will then go out to tender in June this year and be awarded in December 2019.
G2	To develop enhanced collaborative partnerships with all stakeholders to achieve community outcomes.						
4.2.1	Complete Phase 5-8 of the Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS) under the QCoast2100 program (subject to timely provision of grant funds).	Final report endorsed by the CHAS working group and presented to Council.	Sustainable Communities	12 months	Contractors; LGAQ (Local Government Association of Queensland) grant funds	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	<p>The Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy is complete for phases 1-7. Phase 8 has commenced and the draft strategy is currently out for public comment.</p> <p>Further information on this project can be ascertained on the below web site. https://ourcoast.douglas.qld.gov.au/</p>

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4.2.2	Incorporate Indigenous language into key tourism signage throughout the Shire.	Five key tourism signs identified for a bi-lingual program and endorsed by Council.	CEO Unit	12 months	Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	<p>A network has been established with Jabalbina Aboriginal Corporation, Yirrganydji Gurabana Aboriginal Corporation and the Kuku Yalanji Language Advisory Group (KYLAG).</p> <p>A project brief (with Jabalbina Officer Sheryl Burchill) is being implemented, with community consultations in Mossman and Wujal Wujal scheduled to commence in February 2019.</p> <p>From this process appropriate signage will be identified and presented to Council for endorsement in the 4th Quarter.</p>

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4.2.3	Continue to take a lead role in facilitating and advocating for the removal of vessel wrecks in Dickson Inlet.	Continue communication with the multi-agency task force that has been established to address and resolve the situation with the many abandoned vessels littering Dickson Inlet.	Sustainable Communities	12 months	Contractors	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Removal of the wrecks commenced in February 2019. The contractor advised Council that they intended to seek the assistance of the Department of Environment and Science to facilitate the removal of some underwater wrecks requiring crocodile management.
4.2.4	Identify actions for inclusion in the 2018/19 Reef Guardian Action Plan.	Actions identified and reported to Council for submission to Reef Guardian.	Sustainable Communities	6 months		<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	GBRMPA have changed their process and at this stage will no longer be publishing annual Council action plans. Instead, more emphasis will be placed on large scale projects and the associated funding of these.
G3	<i>To ensure effective disaster management planning to support the Douglas Communities.</i>						
4.3.1	Develop predictive modelling for flooding in the Mossman River.	Reliable predictive model developed to assist in disaster management decisions.	Sustainable Communities	12 months	Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Consultant has completed flow and modelling design for the catchment and modelling prediction for key road crossing heights. The proposed interface design is complete and the system has undergone initial trials including a demonstration to Council and members of the Local Disaster management Group. Currently some work is being done in relation to deficiencies in the BoM modelling and upgrading the software that runs the system. A rainfall gauge partly installed at Rex Creek to obtain on ground rainfall data. The complete system for trialling will be ready in April 2019.

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Theme 5 - Governance

The new Douglas Shire provides an opportunity to build and deliver a solid platform for excellence and transparency in governance, service delivery, compliance and risk management. The organisational culture will be one of enthusiasm, collaboration and innovation to confidently and productively support Council's direction.

No.	Operational Initiative	Success Measure	Lead Unit	Expected Period of Work	Additional Resources	Status	Comment
G1	To develop a financially sustainable organisation through sound strategic planning.						
5.1.1	Determine the full cost of providing Council's Water, Sewerage and Cleansing activities and establish if these costs are being fully recovered via Council's Utility Charges.	Presentation of the results to a Councillor Workshop together with options for any further action required.	Corporate Services	3 months		<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Work has been substantially completed by the Finance Team. Councillors are to be informed at a future workshop in 2019.
5.1.2	Financial Sustainability - develop a budget for the 2019/20 financial year that fulfils the financial sustainability strategy agreed to by Council in 2014.	Council to adopt the proposed budget with sufficient resourcing to achieve compliance with the three financial sustainability ratios.	Corporate Services	12 months		<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	The long-term financial forecast and rates modelling spreadsheets have both been updated ready for use during the 2019/20 budget process. A draft budget timetable has also been prepared. The asset revaluation process, which will inform the new budget, is also well underway. Workshops will be held with Councillors on the various sections of the Budget as per the Budget timetable.
G2	To demonstrate leadership in local government through sound, transparent, accountable and equitable decision making.						
5.2.1	Develop and implement processes to ensure compliance and alignment with the new Planning Act and Planning Scheme for Development Applications.	Compliance and alignment of the new Planning Act and Planning Scheme achieved and outcome endorsed by the Executive Leadership Team.	Sustainable Communities	12 months	Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Completed works have concentrated on templates and alignment with the Authority system. These processes are ongoing. Staff have continued to identify and work through issues with the new scheme and identify areas requiring future amendments. It would be beneficial to undertake the Planning Act alignment amendment with other scheme amendments at the same time.

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5.3.1	Rollout Council's strategy for the renegotiation of the new Certified Agreement.	New Certified Agreement executed by all parties.	Corporate Services	6 months	Consultant; Unions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	Officers continue to implement Council's adopted strategy of maintaining a watching brief on the local government industrial relations landscape.
5.3.2	To undertake an Information Technology (IT) Environment study to determine the most suitable option for the future IT Environment based on proven current technology and risk assessment.	Outcomes of study reported to the Executive Leadership Team, including costed options, for informed decision making and allocation in the 2019/20 annual budget.	Corporate Services	12 months	Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending commencement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed (external factors)	A consultant has been engaged for the purpose of undertaking a study and providing an options report and risk assessment. The high-level report was presented in February 2019. The study included a review of the current IT environment, future infrastructure strategy options and summary costs. The consultant was tasked with developing and costing disaster recovery, this will be presented in April 2019. Council will decide in April 2019 which strategy option will proceed to the next step (detailed design) and update the budget provision for this item accordingly.