

7.10. IN KIND REQUEST - MOSSMAN & DISTRICT GYMNASTICS CLUB INC

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TEAM	Community Services
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Approve the provision of in-kind assistance to the Mossman & District Gymnastics Club through the extension of the existing street sweeping of the Council carpark servicing the Douglas Arts Base Gallery to include the adjoining club car park as part of Council's scheduled street sweeping program until the period ending 30 June 2028**
- 2. Delegate authority under section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to finalise the matter**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's consideration of a request from the Mossman & District Gymnastics Club for in-kind assistance through the inclusion of its adjoining car park in Council's existing street sweeping program. The proposal would extend the current street sweeping route servicing the Council carpark for the Douglas Arts Base Gallery to include the club's car park, with the aim of improving the cleanliness and presentation of the area.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS / RESOLUTIONS

This request has not appeared before council to date.

REPORT/BACKGROUND

The Mossman & District Gymnastics Club is a not-for-profit organisation that provides recreational and competitive gymnastics programs that benefit children and families within the Shire and relies on its car park for safe access by members, parents, and visitors during regular classes and events.

The Mossman & District Gymnastics Club has submitted a request for in-kind assistance from Council to include its adjoining car park within the existing street sweeping program. The Council car park is used by Douglas Arts Base Studio Gallery members and guests. The Club has requested Council's assistance in maintaining the car park in a clean and safe condition,

specifically through the provision of periodic street sweeping services, which the Club does not have the equipment or resources to undertake.

The club has advised that the car park experiences frequent littering and other waste accumulation, particularly following incidents of anti-social behavior occurring outside operating hours. This has resulted in a significant amount of rubbish, including broken glass, being left within the car park, creating an ongoing maintenance burden for the club and negative experiences for members of the community using this car park, particularly children.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

It is estimated that the street sweeper would require an additional fifteen minutes to complete this request. Based on figures that have been provided by the Maintenance and Operations team, this would result in an approximate cost to Council of \$1,105 per annum.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Council officers will continue to assess the condition of the car park prior to sweeping, with any hazardous materials or unsafe conditions identified through normal operational processes.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The inclusion of the adjacent car park is expected to have a positive environmental impact by reducing the accumulation of litter within this area, which is regularly used by community members.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The provision of in-kind assistance would support the ongoing operation and presentation of a valued community facility. Maintaining a clean and well-presented car park area will contribute to a more welcoming environment for community members.

Providing in-kind assistance demonstrates Council's commitment to supporting local community organisations and contributing to a clean, safe and welcoming community environment.

CORPORATE AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2025-2030 Initiatives:

Theme 1 - Liveability

To deliver community activities to promote safe, healthy, inclusive and socially engaged communities with an environmental conscious.

1.1 - Deliver community initiatives that support healthy, inclusive and socially engaged communities.

1.4 - Promote inclusivity, connection and accessibility for individuals/people of all abilities.

1.6 - Create and maintain parks and open spaces to preserve, protect and sustain our

natural assets.

Theme 3 - Service Delivery

We deliver Council services effectively and efficiently to meet community expectations, focusing on the wellbeing of both the community and our employees.

3.3 - Focus on safety and wellbeing - of the community and employees.

3.6 - Deliver Council services to meet community expectations.

3.7 - Identify and manage risk.

Operational Plan 2026-2027 Actions:

New project arisen during the financial year.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Local Government Act 2009

CONSULTATION

Internal Consultation:

- Property Team
- Community Development Team
- Manager Community Services

CONCLUSION

The provision of in-kind assistance to the Mossman District Gymnastics Club through the inclusion of its adjoining car park within Council's existing street sweeping program will provide a practical and low-cost solution to improving the cleanliness and presentation of the area.

The request can be accommodated through Council's existing street sweeping schedule using current resources and equipment, with minimal operational impact.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil