

5.3. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION-PORT DOUGLAS FOOTBALL CLUB LOT 99 SP 150489

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. resolves to allow an application to be lodged with the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation to apply for a Community Club liquor Licence on part of Council Trustee Land Lot 99 SP150469 Wharf Street Port Douglas (Port Douglas Sports Ground).**
- 2. delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise any and all matters associated with this application being lodged with the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulations including the execution of the application.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is trustee of the land located on Lot 99 SP150469 Wharf Street, Port Douglas. The purpose of the land is recreation. This is the site of the Port Douglas Sportsground and is home to several sporting clubs including the Port Douglas Football Club Incorporated (PDFC).

An application has been received from the PDFC requesting Council's consent to apply for a Community Club Licence with the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation. When an organisation applies for an upgrade or new liquor licence, it is a requirement that the applicant obtain the consent of the trustee of the land.

Once the application has been made to the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation, Council will be provided with an opportunity to make comment on the application from a planning and land use perspective.

BACKGROUND

By Council providing trustee owner's consent, Council is not consenting to the application itself, it is simply consenting to the applicant proceeding to lodgment with the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation.

COMMENT

The PDFC currently holds an existing "Community Other" Liquor Licence which allows for 25 hours of trading from Thursday to Sunday each week. The proposed upgraded "Community Club" Liquor Licence will permit trading 7 days per week from 10.00am to 12.00 midnight. The application to the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation includes a plan or description of the proposed licenced area (see attachment).

The PDFC have advised that the rationale for the upgraded liquor licence is due to the Cairns AFL, due to shortages of umpiring staff, having to schedule AFL fixtures over a number of days, including Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Having the extended licence will cater for games being scheduled on those different days.

In addition, the PDFC would like to open the bar during the season on Tuesday nights and in the pre-season on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

It is a requirement of the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulations that the application be publicly advertised prior to approval. However, the PDFC may also submit a request to waive the advertising requirement if they can prove that special circumstances exist.

Port Douglas Sports Clubs User Group

The Port Douglas Sports Clubs User Group is a newly formed User Group that has been initiated to address matters concerning the shared Sportsground. Currently there are nine sporting clubs using the site throughout the year. They are; Port Douglas AFL Football Club seniors and juniors, Netball Association, Douglas United Football Club, Port Douglas Rugby Club, Douglas Cricket Association seniors and juniors and D.I.R.T bike riders association.

There is a lot of demand on the sportsground site. Other sporting groups, charity organisations and Council sponsored events also use the facilities and surrounding areas at various times throughout the year. Council has also received a recent proposal to introduce another Club into the Complex.

At the User Group meeting held on 10 October 2018 the proposed Community Club Liquor Licence was tabled for discussion.

A general round table discussion was undertaken with the majority not objecting to the application being lodged. There was one dissenting Club representative.

PROPOSAL

This report proposes that Council provide trustee owner's consent to enable the application to be lodged with the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with this application being lodged with the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulations are borne by the applicant.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

All management of risks associated with the lodgment of the Application for Liquor Licence will be managed by the Port Douglas AFL Football Club.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

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:

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

CONSULTATION

Internal: Senior Project Officer Governance, Manager Governance

External: Port Douglas Sporting Complex User Group
Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation

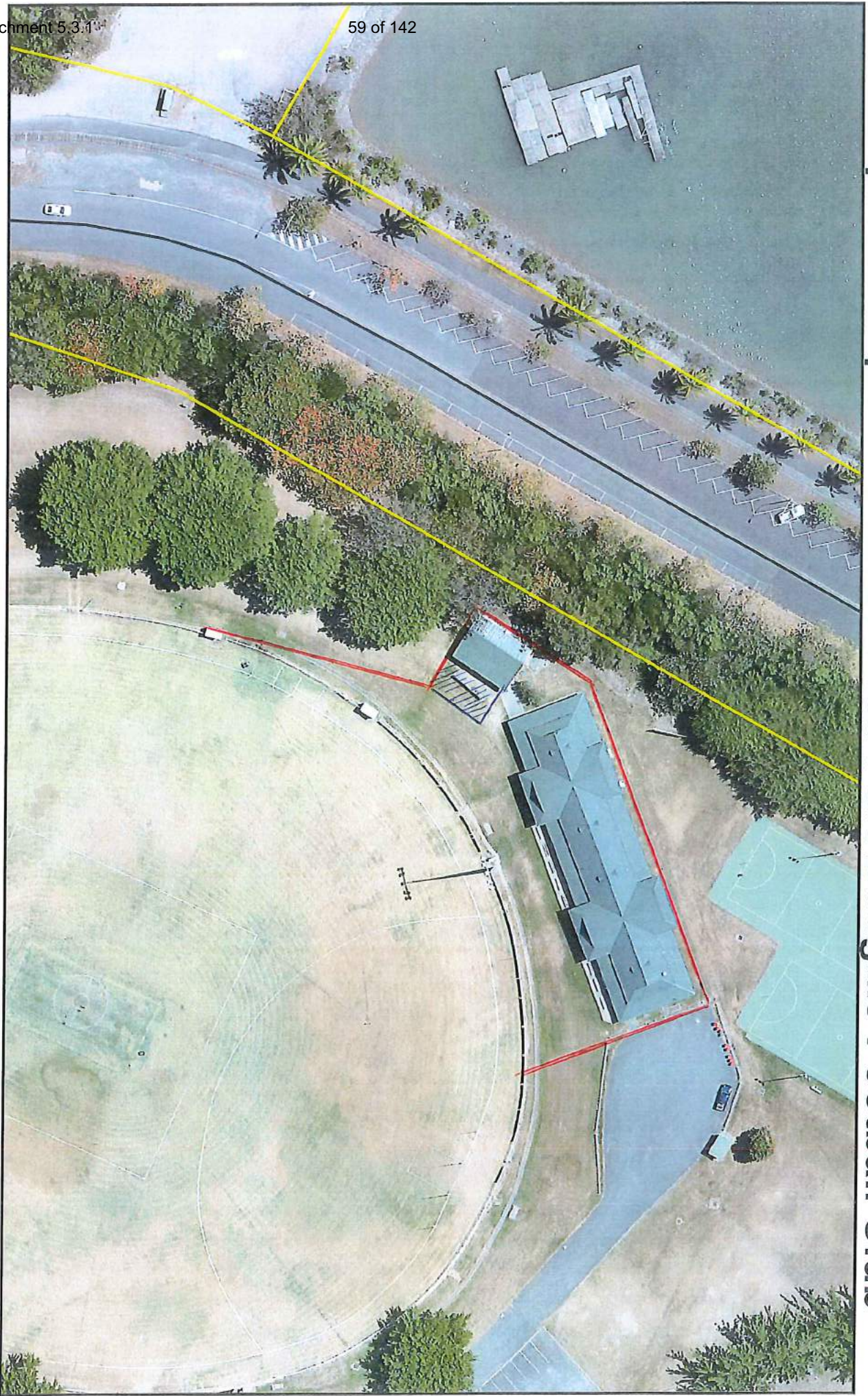
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation will advertise the proposed application for public comment.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Liquor Licenced Area PDF Ci **[5.3.1]**

Proposed Liquor Licenced Area-Port Douglas Football Club



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Map Grid of Australia Zone 56 (GDA94)

