

Council Initiatives

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Economic Development Taskforces - Establish taskforces as recommended in the Economic Development Strategy, develop the terms of reference and identify priority actions and opportunities.

Port Douglas Waterfront South Precinct Strategy - Development of Master Plan for the Port Douglas Waterfront South Precinct Strategy.

Securing future of marine industry - Continue facilitating and advocating for the protection and preservation of existing and enhanced marine-based industrial activity within the Port Douglas Waterfront South precinct.

Stage 2 of Mossman District Nursing Home site - Submit the site to the market for sale for a retirement village development.

Domestic violence refuge advocacy - Advocate Federal and State Governments for funding to establish a domestic violence refuge in the Douglas Shire.

Welcome signs to Port Douglas, Mossman & Daintree Village - Install new welcome signage at Port Douglas, Mossman and Daintree Village and review locality signage across the Douglas Shire with a view to including Indigenous place names where appropriate.

RV Strategy - Improve access to RV parking and black water dump spots, install directional signage and line marking and promote the Douglas Shire as an RV-friendly destination.

Develop a Sister City Program - Identify a suitable location to establish a Sister City relationship to further economic development opportunities.

Funding tourism, business & community projects - Around \$790,000 will be distributed to local organisations, businesses and individuals in 2017/18, including more than \$480,000 for Tourism Port Douglas & Daintree. Council's grants program includes the Community Support Program, the Business Development Fund, the Events Funding Program and the Regional Arts Development Fund.

'Let It Grow' Douglas Garden Awards - Hold inaugural competition to be judged by Gardening Australia host Costa Georgiadis. Categories Professional Gardener, Residential Garden, Acreage Garden, Edible Garden, Sustainable Garden and School & Childcare Centre Garden.

Implement actions identified in Arts Strategy - Increase awareness of venue hire opportunities, review communication of art activities and actively link with art community to promote their events.

ENVIRONMENT



Reduce carbon footprint - Establish the baseline for Council's carbon footprint in 2015/16 and 2016/17.



Recycled Water Strategy - Develop recycled water business case and strategy approved by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.



Plastic Free Douglas - Investigate opportunities to collaborate with supermarkets and grocery stores in the Douglas Shire to provide alternatives to single use plastic bags at fruit and vegetable aisles.



Removal of wrecks in Dickson's Inlet - Establish a multi-agency taskforce to address and resolve abandoned vessels littering Dickson's Inlet.



Illegal Camping Action Plan - Maintain targeted camping patrols, review camping signage and update illegal camping information.



Implement actions identified in Illegal Dumping Strategy - Develop a detailed incident database, coordinate the implementation of recommended investigation process and promote the Douglas Shire as an RV-friendly destination.



Environmental Management Policy - Develop an Environmental Management Policy.



Waste audit on public place bins - Capture and analyse data from waste audit on public place bins.

SUSTAINABILITY



Community Open Spaces Strategy - Develop Stage 1 of the Community Open Spaces strategy.



Water Quality Monitoring Plan - Develop a Water Quality Monitoring Plan.



Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy - Complete Stages 3-4 of the Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy under the QCoast 2100 program.



Waterwise - Investigate the implementation of smart water meters to help reduce water consumption, complete a water network analysis and implement a leak detection program.



Strategic Asset & Service Management Plan - Develop identified sub-plans for the Strategic Asset and Service Management Plan.



Local Government Infrastructure Plan - Finalise Local Government Infrastructure Plan including preparation, forecasting, mapping, public notifications, independent consultant review, state review and adoption.