8.1. PETITION FOR SKATEBOARD RAMP TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE COOYA BEACH ROAD, LOU PRINCE PARK AREA

REPORT AUTHOR(S): Rebecca Assman, Manager Governance

GENERAL MANAGER: Darryl Crees, General Manager Corporate Services

DEPARTMENT: Governance

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves that the petition be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration and a report to Council.

COMMENT

A petition has been received and in accordance with clause 8.3 of the Standing Orders for Council Meetings this petition is presented to Council.

The petition is calling upon Council to erect a skate park in the Cooya Beach Area, with the possibility of it being erected in the Lou Prince Park area off Cooya Beach Road.

The principal petitioner is Aaron Port, Police Liaison Officer, Mossman Police Station. Refer Attachment 1

There are a total of 102 petitioners all residents of the Shire. Refer Attachment 2.

Three (3) letters of support have been received with the petition. Refer Attachment 3.

PROPOSAL

In accordance with Council's Standing Orders for Council Meetings, it is proposed that Council to receive this petition and refer it to staff for investigation and a report to be presented to Council in due course.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Letter of introduction

Attachment 2 - Petition

Attachment 3 - Letters of Support



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9th of October 2015

TO:

Douglas Shire Council Front Street Mossman

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FROM:

Aaron PORT

Police Liaison Officer Mossman Police Station

SUBJECT:

Re- Petition for skateboard ramp to be constructed on

Cooya Beach Road, Lou Prince Park area.

To whom it concerns,

- 1. I am an Indigenous Police Liaison Officer (PLO) who is stationed at the Mossman Police Station. As part of my duties I liaise with a lot of community organisations and groups. I am also well known within the community due to my involvement in football coaching and the Mossman/Port Douglas Blue Light Association.
- 2. One of the major issues that have been raised with me in the last few months has been that of the request for more sporting facilities to be erected in the Cooya Beach area. One of the suggestions put to me from a number of the parents and children in the Cooya Beach area was for a skateboard ramp to be erected possibly on Cooya Beach Road, at the Lou Prince Park area.
- 3. Although I am not a police officer I work along side the Mossman Police and I see that there is a need for more sporting activities in the Cooya Beach area. This would help with the boredom of the child that live in the area as they do not have access to public transport to allow them to travel into Mossman where the nearest skateboard ramp is situated.
- 4. On the 27th of August 2015 I completed a petition in relation to the want and or support for a skateboard ramp to be constructed at Cooya Beach.
- 5. To date I have over 80 signatures. I have attached a copy of the completed petition to this letter.
- 6. I am writing therefore, to make a submission for a skateboard ramp to be constructed in the Cooya Beach township area, with consideration being made for Cooya Beach Road, at the Lou Prince Park area.

- 7. Should the council not be able to commit to this project would they be able to supply reasons as to why and or if they would consider being involved in joint community project to try to have one constructed?
- 8. Forwarded for your attention and consideration.

Aaron PORT

Police Liaison Officer

Mossman Police Station



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Our Ref. Your Ref.

27th August 2015

TO:

Cooya Beach Community

FROM:

Aaron PORT

Police Liaison Officer Mossman Police Station

SUBJECT:

Re- Petition for Skateboard ramp to be constructed at

the Cooya Beach Road, Lou Prince Park area.

To whom it concerns,

- 1. Mossman Police Liaison officers and police are currently in the process of attempting to have a report submitted for a skate park to be erected in the Cooya beach Area, with the possibility of it being erected in the Lou Prince Park area off Cooya Beach Road.
- 2. If you would like to see a Skate Park erected in Cooya beach area then please sign this petition to show your support for this initiative.
- 3. For your attention and consideration.

Aaron PORT
Police Liaison Officer
Mossman Police Station

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Support for the Cooya Beach Skate Park

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25th August 2015

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the establishment of a Skate Park in Cooya Beach.

Mossman State High School has approximately 100 students living in the Cooya Beach area and the establishment of a skate ramp would provide a great activity for these students. This ramp would also be utilised by younger students and adults.

Encouraging young people and adults to be physically active will have long term benefits to all. Increasing the opportunities for physical activity by providing these facilities will be a healthy opportunity for the whole community.

I look forward to hearing of a positive outcome from this application made for the establishment of a Skate Park at Cooya Beach.

Principal

Mossman QLD 4873

18th August 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

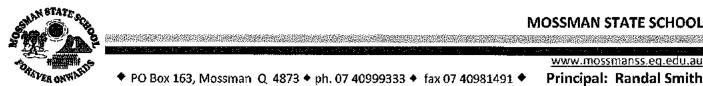
On behalf of all kids in Cooya Beach, I am requesting that Cooya Beach be considered in getting its own skate park. A skate park would be fantastic as there is no form of activity for kids in Cooya Beach and it would give the kids something to do. It would be outdoors, and provide kids with a source of exercise instead of sitting around playing computer games, or riding around and getting into trouble. It would also give kids a safe place to ride their bikes and scooters instead of on the road. Please take this request into consideration, it would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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(on behalf of the kids in Cooya beach)



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Principal: Randal Smith

26 August 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter as the Principal of Mossman State School to express our school community's support for the construction of a skate park at Cooya Beach.

A large proportion of our school population comes from the Cooya Beach community and reports from students and parents have indicated that there is not a great deal of recreational opportunities available at Cooya Beach, nor is there a public transport service.

Small rural communities need access to opportunities that there bigger cousins, in larger communities possess. Recreational, sporting facilities and opportunities need to be established so that the youths of the community can contact and interact in a safe, supportive environment.

I hope you consider this request for a skate boarding facility at Cooya Beach favourably.

Yours sincerely,

Randal Smith Principal

The following items will be discussed in closed session:

- 9.1 Prejudicial Matter S275 (1) (H) Local Government Regulation 2012 Audit Committee Meeting 23 September 2015
- 9.2 Contractual Matter S275 (1) (E) Local Government Regulation Surrender of Lease Part of Lease Lot 175 SP 241139 Cafe On Sea Thorton Beach
- 9.3 Contractual Matter S275 (1) (E) Local Government Regulation Application to Purchase Part of Park Reserve Lot 119 on SP192596, Milman Drive Craiglie
- 9.4 Prejudicial Matter S275 (1) (H) Local Government Regulation 2012 Mossman Meteors Swimming Club Access to Water Space