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Council to investigate feasibility of kids waterpark in Port Douglas

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COUNCIL's vision to create a popular kid's waterpark in Port Douglas will be investigated after funding was allocated in the 2018/19 Annual Budget.

Douglas Shire Council has committed \$30,000 to complete a design of a zero-depth water park or nature play activities space in the resort town.

Mayor Julia Leu said project could be a huge lifestyle boost and a tourist attraction.

"We envisage an activity precinct to rival Muddies Playground in Cairns," she said.

"It is important that we make this stack up, find an appropriate location and get a feel for what the community wants.

"This project could give people another reason to not only visit our shire, but move and raise a family here."

It comes as Council commits to Stage 2 of the Port Douglas Waterfront South Precinct Plan, which will be released for community engagement and progressed to shovel-ready status in the next 12 months.

Council has also set aside \$460,000 to repair Sugar Wharf and \$200,000 to repair damage sustained at the Flagstaff Hill Walking Trail during floods.

"This is a really exciting time for Douglas Shire," she said.

"It is vital we continue to provide infrastructure to create an area that locals and tourists fall in love with."

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