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FILE REF: Beaches-Use of, Surfing Events, Duranbah Beach

REPORT TITLE:

Quicksilver & Roxy Pro Surf Contest

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

At its meeting held 10 October 2001, the Trust resolved to conditionally approve the erection of a scaffold structure at Duranbah Beach from 1 March 2002 to 25 March 2002 for the Quicksilver Pro and Roxy Pro Surf contests. Surfing Queensland has requested a review of the charges for this usage.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Trust retains the fees charged to Surfing Queensland to erect scaffold at Duranbah Beach from 1-25 March 2002 being \$1743.50.

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For sponsored events such as above, the Trust charges a fee being that for Tweed Shire Council Fees and Charges "Park Rents for Amusement Purposes". This fee is \$124.30 for the first day and \$70.40 for each additional day.

These surf contests are referred to as mobile, that is, the contest may shift venues on various days to utilise the best surf conditions. Subsequently, organisers may request use of a beach for the period of a contest but only use it on limited days, if at all. In these circumstances, the organisers are charged only for days used.

In the case of the events in March 2002, the scaffolding will be erected and left in place regardless of the contest being held at Duranbah or another venue. Consequently, the charge is for the first day plus an additional 23 days totalling \$1743.50.

Quicksilver, through Surfing Queensland has requested that as a consideration to the National and International promotion received by the Tweed in staging the event at Duranbah, the Trust considers reviewing its fee.

The proposal is an initial payment of \$500 and then normal charges (\$70.40/day) for days the event is staged at Duranbah.

This proposal means that if 17 of the planned 24 days of the events were held at Duranbah, the same fee would be incurred. Anything less than 17 days obviously means a lesser charge to the event organisers.

COMMENT:

Whilst the scaffold structure may not be utilised each day of the contests, the structure will remain in place for the duration of the events. The area licensed to Surfing Queensland for the purpose of erecting scaffolding is effectively being utilised for that purpose at the exclusion of others. Therefore, it is considered the fee as charged should remain.
