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Agenda

Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserve Trust Meeting Thursday 20 March 2014

held at Murwillumbah Cultural and Civic Centre
commencing at 4.30pm

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 1 [CONMIN] Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserve Trust Meeting held Thursday 20 February 2014

SUBMITTED BY: Corporate Governance



Civic Leadership

LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK:

- 1 Civic Leadership
 - 1.2 Improve decision making by engaging stakeholders and taking into account community input
 - 1.2.2 Decisions made relating to the allocation of priorities will be in the long-term interests of the community
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SUMMARY OF REPORT:

The Minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserve Trust Meeting held Thursday 20 February 2014 are attached for information and adoption by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The Minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserve Trust Meetings held Thursday 20 February 2014 be adopted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of that meeting.
- 2 ATTACHMENT 2 is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, because it contains:-
 - (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property.

REPORT:

As per Summary.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:

a. Policy:

Code of Meeting Practice Version 2.3.

b. Budget/Long Term Financial Plan:

Not applicable.

c. Legal:

Not Applicable.

d. Communication/Engagement:

Inform - We will keep you informed.

UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:

*To view any "**non confidential**" attachments listed below, access the meetings link on Council's website www.tweed.nsw.gov.au or visit Council's offices at Tweed Heads or Murwillumbah (from Friday the week before the meeting) or Council's libraries (from Monday the week of the meeting).*

Attachment 1 Minutes of the Ordinary Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserve Trust Meeting held Thursday 20 February 2014 (ECM 3297669).

(Confidential) Attachment 2 Minutes of the Confidential Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserve Trust Meeting held Thursday 20 February 2014 (ECM 3297668).

REPORTS THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF THE TRUST

REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF THE TRUST

2 [EM-TCHP] Lifeguard Trial at North Kingscliff

SUBMITTED BY: Executive Manager of the Trust

FILE REFERENCE: GC 3/8/1 Pt 2; TCHP 1402

Valid



Supporting Community Life

LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK:

- 2 Supporting Community Life
 - 2.1 Foster strong, cohesive, cooperative, healthy and safe communities
 - 2.1.4 Provide education and advocacy to promote and support the efforts of the police, emergency services and community groups to improve the safety of neighbourhoods and roads
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SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report discusses the Lifeguard Trial conducted at North Kingscliff over the Christmas period of 2013/14.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserve Trust negotiates with Tweed Shire Council and Australian Lifeguard Services to provide scheduled beach patrols at North Kingscliff consistent with the Lifeguard patrol schedule for other Tweed Coast beaches.

REPORT:

Trust officers are aware of anecdotal comment suggesting that the beach at North Kingscliff can at times be dangerous for swimmers. Given the beach is a primary selling feature for the Kingscliff North Holiday Park it was considered sensible to conduct an objective trial to determine the level of usage and risk associated for these clients.

Accordingly the Trust engaged Australian Lifeguard Services to conduct a trial over the peak Christmas period 2013/14, with the objective of measuring beach usage, number of preventative actions and rescues and assessing where the beach users came from.

The trial was funded out of Kingscliff North Holiday Park operating expenses in the amount of \$11,500 for the 23 day period. This rate included the provision of lifesaving equipment and labour at predominately peak hourly rates.

The report from Australian Lifeguard Services follows.

The Executive Manager believes that the presence of Lifeguards is valuable and justifies investigation for future implementation once the Kingscliff North Holiday Park is redeveloped. Likely commencement for this service would be the Christmas season of 2015/16.

It is worthy of note that very strong support for this service came from Holiday Park clients, and that a large proportion of beach users were local residents. It follows that this service if introduced will benefit both tourists and local residents alike.



FILENOTE

Subject:	Trial of Lifeguard Patrols at North Kingscliff
Date:	14/02/2014
Author:	Scott McCartney

Location: Dreamtime Beach adjacent North Kingscliff Holiday Park.

Duration: 23 days over the Christmas New Year period.

Description: The trial involved a two person lifeguard patrol operating a flagged swimming area on this section of beach from 9am until 6pm 7 days per week for 23 days. Funding for the Trial was met by Tweed Coast Holiday Park Trust and the Australian Lifeguard Service. With agreement by Tweed Council we moved the 3rd lifeguard at South Kingscliff to assist with the single lifeguard that the Tweed Coast Holiday Park had funded therefore having a patrolled area with 2 lifeguards.

Statistics: Rescues – 3

Attendance – 8349

First Aids – 3

Preventative Actions – 594

Notable Points:

- At 4.30pm on the first day of patrol, the lifeguards responded to 2 people getting swept out in a strong rip due east of the Terrace St car park approximately 300m South of the flags. Mr Richard Adams was present at the time of the incident and took the attached photo (Photo 1)

Photo 1: Lifeguard Paul Piccini Lulham with the two people who were caught in the rip. The mouth of this very active rip is in the background



- Reaction to the presence of the patrolled area was overwhelmingly positive. Holiday Park residents were very happy and took time to report this to the guards on duty and to the Park Managers. One relative of a man who had drowned on this section of beach in the 1990s took the time to report his satisfaction to park managers and lifeguards. Residents were also appreciative of the service and came forward to report their satisfaction to the guards.
- There were some negative interactions between guards and the public when they approached people to advise them to swim between the flags.
- An often asked question from the public was if the trial would lead to a regular patrolled beach.
- At times during the trial the flags at North Kingscliff had more swimmers than the flags at South Kingscliff.
- Large amount of positive reports on having a flagged swimming area for the North Kingscliff area and how they did not have to walk the two plus kilometers to the Cudgen Surf Club to have a swim and feel safe doing so.
- The crowd levels were good throughout the trial with a crowd swimming between the flags all throughout each day. Many preventative measures were performed mainly getting swimmers to walk 100m up from the popular Terrace Street car park area where there is a park for the kids and BBQ area set up. In future we will look at setting up a little further down the beach so it would be in the middle of the Caravan Park and popular Terrace street car park which might attract all public to swim in the flagged area.
- The Caravan Park had many feedback forms filled out and signed by visitors of the Caravan Park.
- Over the past few seasons we have had numerous call outs up to the North Kingscliff area. During the time the lifeguards patrolled North Kingscliff there were no call outs.

Picture 2 shows "happy campers" on the first day of patrols at North Kingscliff.



Picture 3 shows a typical morning crowd at North Kingscliff.



OPTIONS:

1. That the Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserve Trust negotiates with Tweed Shire Council and Australian Lifeguard Services to provide scheduled beach patrols at North Kingscliff consistent with the Lifeguard patrol schedule for other Tweed Coast beaches.
2. That the Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserve Trust does not provide scheduled beach patrols at North Kingscliff.

CONCLUSION:

As per the recommendation and Option 1 of this report.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:

a. Policy:

Corporate Policy Not Applicable.

b. Budget/Long Term Financial Plan:

Not significant, subject to negotiation with Tweed Shire Council and Australian Lifeguard Services.

c. Legal:

Not Applicable.

d. Communication/Engagement:

Not Applicable.

UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:

Nil.
