

Attachment One – Strength and Weakness Analysis of EOI Submissions

Four expressions of interest submissions were received. The following analysis has been made from these submissions.

Far North Coast Surf Life Saving (FNC SLS)

Strengths

- FNC SLS support the 4 local SLS units within the Tweed.
- They are able to provide 24/7 operational support on an on call basis.
- SLS are the supporting rescue agency for what is known as white water rescues i.e. rescue within close proximity of the sand. These rescues require a jet ski response and SLS have 2 that could be stored at the training facility for direct launch into Cudgen Ck.
- SLS do not have a training facility for their members and this facility would allow for community education, public first aid, public surf safety programs and training and development for volunteers on site.
- SLS have the ability and capacity to maintain an on-going booking system over the upstairs of the training facility.
- Fishing community indicated strong support for SLS having a presence on the Creek.
- SLS have the funding to maintain facility within the terms of the lease agreement.
- SLS have also committed to undertaking refurbishment of the inside including new carpet and providing tea and coffee facilities.

Weaknesses

- Council is unable to provide for the full request in the submission as car garaging is unable to be provided to the area due to the area surrounding the facility being community land.

St John's Ambulance

Strengths

- St John's Ambulance have been operating out of the facility for a number of years.
- Their submission requested use of the facility for one evening per week and 4 weekends per year. SLS are aware of their current arrangement and this does not interfere with any other occupants use of the facility
- St John's Ambulance provide a great benefit to the community for the Tweed providing First Air/Hospital Care at local sporting and public events. They have 2 fully equipped vehicles and a disaster response trailer.
- They have identified their ability to improve the facility by putting in a small kitchenette for tea and coffee.

Weaknesses

- Council is unable to provide for the full request in the submission as car garaging is unable to be provided to the area due to the area surrounding the facility being community land.

Marine Rescue Point Danger

Strengths

- Marine Rescue already have an existing lease agreement over the site, for a period of 12 months, however the site has been underutilised.
- Marine Rescue are an accredited rescue agency within the area and operate their unit from Point Danger.
- They have a good reputation within the local boating and fishing community, as well as the broader community for the services they provide to the broader area.

Weaknesses

- Marine Rescue operates in what is known as blue water – i.e. deep ocean waters.
- The area of Cudgen Creek is the responsibility of NSW Police, with the assistance of SLS, as per documented rescue arrangements.
- MRNSW operate large vessels that are very limited in their capabilities to be launched in the Cudgen Creek due to tidal influences.
- MRNSW have not identified control of this location in any of their strategic planning.
- Marine Rescue did not demonstrate a need for the facility and already have premises at Point Danger (communications centre), Durambah (Training Facility) and it is recommended they be granted a licence over the Kingscliff Tower.
- While Marine Rescue have had an existing lease agreement over the site, for a period of 12 months, the site has been largely utilised. Council Officers do not believe this will change and that MRPD do not need access to another facility.

Food Business Operator

Strengths

- Detailed submission with the ability to show return on investment and ability to pay nominal rent.
- Community indicated a desire for a food/coffee vendor within the area to service those using the walkway.
- Small footprint in the bottom left hand side storage area.

Weaknesses

- The bottom storage area is subject to tidal influences and would not be conducive to run a food business from.
- The existing facility is not build or designed to operate a small food business and would need to be retrofitted.
- The request does not fit in with the proposed tenants.