## **Late Addendum Report**

### REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

a4 [GM-CM] Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club

**SUBMITTED BY:** General Manager

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# **Supporting Community Life**

#### LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK:

1 Civic Leadership

1.3 Delivering the objectives of this plan

1.3.1 Council's organisation will be resourced to provide the essential services and support functions to deliver the objectives of this Plan

#### **SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Council has received a request from Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club (the Club) for financial assistance to complete the next stages of their clubhouse development to allow the facility to function effectively for patrolling members for the coming patrol season.

The request for assistance is for Council to supply required materials and fittings to complete the internal showers, toilets, change rooms, gear storage rooms etc. while the club will fund the works and installations, including the proposed engagement for a work for the dole program.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council supports the request from the Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club to contribute:

- 1. \$16,700 (including GST) to supply materials and fittings for Stage 1 of the fit out of the Club; and
- 2. \$15,000 (including GST) contribution to supply materials and fittings for Stage 2 of the fit out of the club to be funded from unspent funds from the 2015/2016 Surf Life Saving Budget.
- 3. ATTACHMENT 1 is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, because it contains:-
  - (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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#### **REPORT:**

# Proposal:

Council has received a request from Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club (the Club) for financial assistance to complete the next stages of their clubhouse development to allow the facility to function effectively for patrolling members for the coming patrol season.

The request is for assistance with two stages toward completion of the building with Council contribution being for the supply of materials and fixtures. Stage 1 includes the complete fit out of the Club showers and toilets with the Club's contribution being \$18,300 and the request of Council being \$16,744 (including GST).

Council had previously advised the Club that it could make a contribution of up to \$10,000 for materials for the toilets and showers fit out, but the actual cost for materials and fittings to complete the works, and consequently the amount requested, is \$16,744.

Stage 2 includes sheeting out and painting the remainder of the Club. The Club has contacted TURSA to explore the opportunity for a portion of these works to be undertaken by a work for the dole (WFD) team. TURSA is considering its capacity to undertake the project and has contacted Council with the following information:

TURSA would need to commence the project in mid-October to run for a 13 week period including the following works:

- Baton out besser block walls and ceiling
- Gyprock and cement sheeting of ceilings and walls
- Fit kick boards / skirting / doors
- Painting of ceiling, walls and floors

TURSA is happy to consider budgeting for:

- Supervision Costs of the TURSA employed supervisor
- WHS PPE requirements for the supervisor and jobseekers
- General consumables paint brushes, rollers, ceiling and wall screws etc.
- General tools to complete the job including hiring ceiling sheet lifts
- Hire of a bus to transport jobseekers to the site
- Public liability and Personal accident insurance for the supervisor and jobseekers

For the project to be feasible, the Club is requesting a contribution from Council to provide the following materials:

- Floor and wall sheeting including roof channel and fairing channel for walls, clips and glues. Kick board / skirting costs where applicable
- Doors including hardware
- Paint including undercoat, ceiling white, walls and flooring
- Cost of contractor to complete setting and cornicing
- Costs for electrical work if required although the WFD crew can assist with running non live wiring if required

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The requested contribution to Stage 2 of the Club fitout is \$15,000.

#### **Discussion:**

It is to the benefit of Council and the community to have strong, sustainable surf life saving clubs operating within the Shire. Council's partnership with surf life saving clubs in the Tweed Shire has been to provide support to develop the clubs to a level where they are sustainable, and then coordinate the volunteer services with Council's contract lifeguard services to optimise the level of service provided to the community with available resources.

Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club faces unique challenges to other surf life saving clubs in Tweed Shire in that it relies heavily on 'out of Shire' members to provide volunteer lifeguard services. Without the provision of basic member facilities, the Club is challenged in recruiting and retaining the support of both local travelling members.

The assistance for the proposed works will provide club patrolling members with facilities that would be considered basic requirements for a volunteer surf life saving organisation.

#### **OPTIONS:**

- Support the request from the Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club to contribute \$16,700 (including GST) to supply materials and fittings for Stage 1 of the fit out of the club and a \$15,000 (including GST) contribution to supply materials and fittings for Stage 2 of the fit out of the club to be funded from unspent funds from the 2015-2016 Surf Life Saving Budget.
- 2. Support the request from the Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club to contribute \$16,700 (including GST) to supply materials and fittings for Stage 1 only to be funded from unspent funds from the 2015-2016 Surf Life Saving Budget.
- 3. Reject the request from the Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club for additional contributions toward fitting out the Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Clubhouse.

#### CONCLUSION:

Council, the State Government and the Club have invested significant funds into the redevelopment of the Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club over recent years. The proposed works are required to make the club a functional facility for patrolling members and the community from which to provide their service. The absence of these basic facilities threatens the retention of the patrolling membership base of the Club, threatening the sustainability of the Club and potentially waste the investment already contributed to the building.

#### **COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:**

# a. Policy:

Corporate Policy Not Applicable.

#### b. Budget/Long Term Financial Plan:

Funding for the requested contribution could be made available from 2015/2016 roll overs.

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# c. Legal:

Not Applicable.

# d. Communication/Engagement:

Inform - We will keep you informed.

# **UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:**

(Confidential) Attachment 1. Email from TURSA dated 6 September 2016 (ECM4220612)