

## **9.1 Strategic Reference Group Recommendations – Community Division**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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#### **Purpose**

To report to Council the recommendations that have been put forward from the Strategic Reference Groups (SRGs) that relate to the Community Division.

#### **Summary**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION OF DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY**

- A. That the recommendation of the Warringah Coastal Community Committee be noted and Council write to Long Reef SLSC requesting information on their long term plans for the Surf Club building.
  - B. That Council continue to provide Sustainable Event Management training for all staff involved in the delivery of events at Council.
  - C. That Council notes the SRG strongly supports the mayor advocating the Newcastle model of aggregate management to SHOROC
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## REPORT

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### **A Environmental Sustainability SRG – Recommendation of Meeting 7 November 2011**

The following recommendation was put forward:

*Item 8.1 - That the below recommendation from the Warringah Coastal Community Committee from 30 June 2011 in relation to the Long Reef Surf Life Saving Club (LR SLSC) be referred to the appropriate SRG:*

- 2 (a) That this committee acknowledge the need for an appropriate development of the LR SLSC, recommend that council request that the LR SLSC provide an outline of it's requirement, urge council to reconvene consultation with the broader community under an independent chair at the earliest possible date.*
- 2(b) That council work with the LR SLSC to reignite at the earliest possible time a process with the identified stakeholder groups under an independent chair to develop an outline for an appropriate development of the LR SLSC.*

### **Supporting Information**

Council and Long Reef SLSC worked together on the Long Reef Surf Club redevelopment project resulting in a complete and detailed design acceptable to the Club and Council.

However, on 5 June 2011, the Long Reef SLSC board voted to suspend its involvement in the redevelopment process and any participation in the community consultation process. A letter confirming the Club's intentions was sent to Council on 5 June 2011.

Despite Council's attempts at that stage to reengage with Long Reef SLSC, those attempts were declined.

Council cannot commit further ratepayers' funds to any process associated with the redevelopment of the Long Reef surf club building when the primary stakeholder has to date made its intentions clear that it has suspended its involvement.

It is also noted that a recent commitment by Long Reef SLSC to new building works on the Surf Club building would indicate that such re-engagement is a low priority to the Club.

### **Recommendation of Deputy General Manager**

That the recommendation of the Warringah Coastal Community Committee be noted and Council write to Long Reef SLSC requesting information on their long term plans for the Surf Club building.

### **Policy Impact**

Nil.

### **Financial Impact**

Nil.

**Acting Group Manager Buildings, Property & Spatial Information**

## **B Environmental Sustainability SRG – Recommendation of Meeting 7 November 2011**

The following recommendation was put forward:

*Item 4.0 - That Council encourage the Events staff to look into attending the Sustainable Event Management training.*

### **Supporting Information**

Warringah Council is providing professional development opportunities for staff actively involved in the delivery of Council events. Two key event staff, the Producer, Cultural & Civic Events and the Production Coordinator will be attending Sustainable Event Training in March 2012. Further training opportunities for all staff involved in the design and delivery of events at Council are being investigated and will be implemented by second quarter of the 2012/ 2013 financial year.

The two-day course is designed for event professionals involved in planning, procurement, production and practical implementation of events. It will embed sustainable development principles into event organisations via their workforce, helping to establish sustainable event management systems and have that flow into solutions-based actions and initiatives.

The course is subsidised by NSW Department of Education and Training and is a partnership with the NSW GreenSkills program which aims at empowering businesses and individuals to tackle new challenges and opportunities in sustainability.

This follows the adoption of the Sustainable Events Policy (PL-530-Events) at Warringah Council in 2011. The policy recognises the important role that events can play in communicating sustainability and encouraging action throughout our community and through the supply chain. Council also recognises its responsibility to ensure those members of staff and third parties with the responsibility of implementing this Policy must have the required skills and competencies to do so and will continue to consider Sustainable Event Training opportunities.

Sustainable Event Training is part of the implementation plan of the Sustainable events policy and is consistent with industry best practice. It also recognises the new international standard ISO 20121 Event Sustainability Management Systems and the Global Reporting Initiative Event Organiser Sector Supplement, which is being prepared for an increased need for sustainability knowledge and skills, strategy, solutions and resources, is essential.

### **Recommendation of Deputy General Manager**

That Council continue to provide Sustainable Event Management training for all staff involved in the delivery of events at Council.

### **Policy Impact**

Nil.

### **Financial Impact**

The costs to extend training to allow areas within the organisation that conduct events is envisaged to come from existing operational budgets. The training of the senior events team members is already budgeted and scheduled.

**Group Manager Marketing & Communications**



## **C Recreation and Open Space SRG – Recommendation of Meeting 2 November 2011**

The following recommendation was put forward:

*Item 4.0 - That the SRG strongly support the Mayor advocating the Newcastle Model of aggregate management to SHOROC.*

### **Supporting Information**

The 'Newcastle Model' is described in a draft discussion paper titled "Surf Clubs on Crown Reserves", prepared by the Crown Lands Division – Department of Primary Industries. It states:

"The so-called Newcastle Model comprises the establishment of one reserve trust (The Newcastle Coastal and estuary Reserve Trust) for a coastal reserve consisting of multiple land parcels in the Newcastle City Council Area (including all the surf clubs and other coastal reserves). The reserve trust leases to individual parties for a variety of uses, however this model differs from the common trust management model as it allows for one trust fund to be established where revenue raised in the coastal reserve will be available to fund any other projects within the coastal reserve trust boundary"

An advisory panel comprising key stakeholders and the community then make recommendations to the trust manager on how to spend funds and other issues.

Establishment of such a model in the SHOROC area would mean that of the **9** surf clubs in Warringah, the **6** that are located on Crown Land could be included in such a trust, while the remaining **3** surf clubs located on Council owned community land would remain with Warringah Council.

### **Recommendation of Deputy General Manager**

That Council notes the SRG strongly supports the mayor advocating the Newcastle model of aggregate management to SHOROC.

### **Policy Impact**

Nil.

### **Financial Impact**

Nil.

**Acting Group Manager Buildings, Property & Spatial Information**

