

Item 14.5 King Island Recreation Plan 2020-29

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SUMMARY:

Following two rounds of on-Island community consultation and in-depth discussion with Councillors, @leisure consultants has finalised the King Island Recreation Plan 2020. The Plan takes the opinions and preferences of King Island's sports, recreation and community organisations and individuals and presents them as a number of recommendations and actions for these groups to consider in the coming years.

Some of the recommendations are intended for Council to consider. It is proposed that Council progressively review and prioritise these recommendations for inclusion in updates of its Annual Plans and its 10-year Strategic Plan.

As Council has had grants approved for improvements and developments at the Grassy and Currie sports precincts, it is further proposed that two specific recommendations for the preparation of master plans for both sites be endorsed and referred to the Councillor's Recreation Working Group for action, in consultation with users of those sites and other interested parties.

DISCUSSION:

A public Expression of Interest process conducted in November / December 2017 and the award of a \$30,229 grant under the Building Better Regions Fund Round 2 in August 2018 led to the engagement of @leisure in October 2018 to develop an updated King Island Recreation Plan.

The intent of the King Island Recreation Plan 2020 is to provide Council and other community, sports and recreation organisations with an insight into the Island residents' preferences and opinions with regards to recreation activities and facilities and some recommendations on how those preferences and opinions may be satisfied into the future. For Council in particular, the intent behind commissioning the development of this plan was to inform the development of the overarching King Island Council 10 Year Strategic Plan.

The consultants began by conducting a desktop assessment of documentation from previous plans and reports of Council and sports, recreation and community groups, including the 2008 King Island Recreation Plan, the 2016-20 King Island Council Strategic Plan, and the strategies of a number of sports and recreation peak bodies representing King Island. On-Island community consultation was conducted in November 2018, collating 40 survey responses, 80 calls, 60 direct interviews and 5 community meetings, including input from the King Island District High School. The information from that consultation formed an Issues and Opportunities Paper and a Demand and Community Engagement Paper in March 2019.

A draft Plan was developed and shared with the King Island Community for feedback in October 2019, with on-Island consultation sessions held in November. A separate session with Councillors went through the draft Plan in some detail. All this feedback was reflected in an



updated Demand & Community Engagement Paper and used to inform the finalisation of the King Island Recreation Plan 2020 now presented for Council's receipt and consideration.

It is proposed that Council refer the Plan to the community, recreation and sporting groups for their consideration and action. Similarly, it is proposed that recommendations specifically directed to Council be referred to the Councillor Recreation Working Group for review and, as appropriate, inclusion in updates to Council's Annual Plans and 10-year Strategic Plan.

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RELEVANT REFERENCE DOCUMENTS / POLICIES:

- King Island Recreation Plan 2020
- King Island Recreation Demand & Community Engagement Paper – December 2019

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

N/A

STAKEHOLDERS

- King Island Community

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CONCLUSION

The King Island Recreation Plan provides an insight into the opinions and preferences of the King Island community, as offered to @leisure during their two phases of community consultation. The Plan presents recommendations for consideration and action by community, recreation and sporting groups and Council.

Formally receiving and noting the Plan will allow King Island Council and these groups to begin the process of prioritising the recommendations for implementation. This Plan will inform the development of the King Island Council's 10 Year Strategic Plan, as well as the plans and operations of many of the Island's sports, recreation and community organisations.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- i) receive and note the King Island Recreation Plan 2020;**
- ii) publicly release the King Island Recreation Plan 2020 for the information of the Island's sports, recreation and community organisations and the general public;**
- iii) refer the King Island Recreation Plan 2020 to the Councillor Recreation Working Group for review and advice on recommendations to be included in Council's Annual Plans and 10-year Strategic Plan, including specific advice on recommendations for the preparation of master plans for the Grassy and Currie sports precincts.**

