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MAJOR PROJECTS STATUS REPORT – COMMUNITY, SPORT & CULTURAL SERVICES – DEPARTMENT MANAGED

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**It is recommended that Council notes the status of major projects being undertaken and managed by staff of Community, Sport and Cultural Services Department.**

**INTRODUCTION:**

The following update is provided on current major projects being managed by staff of the Community, Sport and Cultural Services Department. The report covers the following:

<b>Branch</b>	<b>Project</b>
Parks & Leisure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skate Park and BMX Strategy</li> <li>• Cairns Rectangular Stadium Needs Study</li> </ul>

**Project:** **Skate Park and BMX Strategy**

**Project Manager:** Malcolm Robertson  
**Project Coordinators** Adele Wright/Nikki Young  
**Project Plan Doc No:** 3281245

**Aim of the Strategy**

The aim of the project is to develop a Skate and BMX Strategy for the region. This Strategy will contain practical guidelines and recommendations, which provide strategic direction on the appropriate location, development, management, maintenance and activation of new and existing skate and BMX facilities in the region.

In providing these facilities, the aim is to maximise their usability, optimise their diversity, and increase their ability to cater for varying skill levels and styles. Such facilities should increase access and use of people from different multicultural and indigenous backgrounds, different age groups, and would be accessible to young women.

The Strategy will also build awareness of skate, BMX and related activities as legitimate, positive recreational activities and will encourage positive perceptions of youth, skate and BMX facilities and their user groups.

The Strategy will establish criteria for facilities that are well located, safe and accessible and which provide inclusive, diverse spaces that are capable of supporting a wide range of activities and users. Co-location or the location of these facilities adjacent to other appropriate uses or facilities is desirable.

The Strategy will consider input from all members of the community, including users, spectators, general park users and neighbours.

#### **Key Achievements:**

- Preparation of project documentation refining scope of work
- Development of the communication and community engagement plan
- Completion and roll out of Social Media community engagement tool for communication purposes
- School based facility user engagement completed
- Facility based (skate park and BMX track) user engagement completed prior to original date of end January 2012
- All skate park and BMX track petitioners contacted and informed of the project
- Concrete Facility audit, including condition assessment and expenditure/maintenance audit completed
- Dirt jumps/BMX track facility audit including condition assessment and expenditure/maintenance completed
- Indicative costs relative to ongoing maintenance of current BMX and Skate facilities have collated.

#### **Future Milestones:**

- Draft completed and due to be presented to Team Leaders, Stakeholders and General Manager by end of June
- Amended Draft (additions and corrections) provided to Council early July 2012
- Community engagement period July/August 2012
- Final strategy presented to Council for adoption early September 2012

**Project:** **Cairns Rectangular Stadium Needs Study**

**Project Manager:** Malcolm Robertson

**Project Coordinator:** Nikki Young

**Project Plan Doc No:** 2783846

#### **Scope of Works:**

The study comprises two parts with the first part focused on establishing the need for a stadium and, given the need has been demonstrated, articulating the scope of that stadium. The second part of the study will focus on the delivery of the stadium in accordance with the established need.

**Key Achievements:**

- Council appointed Coffey Sport & Leisure to undertake the project, both parts 1 and 2.
- Part 1 completed and adopted at Council's Ordinary meeting 23 November, ie:
  - *agrees in principle with the Study's conclusion that there is sufficient demand to support investment in the initial capital and ongoing operations of the Scenario B, Option 2 development option (broadly, a 20,000 capacity stadium, 10,000 seat and 10,000 standing) based on the identified potential for broader economic and social benefits;*
  - *agrees to investigate further the basis on which the outcomes of Scenario B, Option 2 could be delivered by undertaking the Cairns Rectangular Pitch Stadium Development Study;*
- Part 2 underway with refinement of sites for investigation, technical information relating to each site and site selection criteria and weightings established.

**Issues:**

- None currently.

**Milestones:**Part 2 – Cairns Rectangular Pitch Stadium Development Study

- Assessment and refinement of proposed sites to ascertain top two sites.
- Prepare draft report outlining:
  - concept plan,
  - stadium development (delivery plan, staging and triggers),
  - refinement of capital cost estimates,
  - management model and ownership,
  - updated business plan for the operation of the stadium including risk analysis,
  - updated and refined economic impact assessment,
  - implementation plan outlining actions, responsibility, resourcing and timelines,
- Councillor and Key Stakeholder Reference Group workshops (separate) with Coffey, detailed overview of draft report.
- Community and stakeholder consultation on draft report (2 weeks)
- Finalisation of report
- Put to Council meeting for adoption estimated August 2012

**Financial Data:**

Coffey Commercial Advisory - Part 1	\$68,410
<i>Coffey Commercial Advisory - Part 2 *</i>	<i>\$149,016</i>
Advertising and promotion (estimated)	\$6,000
<b>Expected project cost</b>	<b>\$223,426</b>

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