

LORD HOWE ISLAND BOARD

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ITEM

Community Strategic Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board note the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) update.

BACKGROUND

At the beginning of July, the Board appointed Darcelle Matassoni as Project Officer – Strategic planning (part time), commencing 23rd July 2018.

This newly appointed role of Project Officer – Strategic planning will work with the community in developing the Community Strategic Plan, under the direction of newly appointed Manager Environment and Community Services, Justin Sauvage (commenced 27th Aug 2018).

CURRENT POSITION

A review of the 2010-2015 Community Strategy and all associated community consultation documentation including CRG has been completed.

A report into outcomes of the 61 actions identified in the 2010-2015 CS is being undertaken and is currently 80% complete, to be finalised. This will provide a basis for understanding what the community priorities were and what progress has been achieved. The report will assist in engaging the community on its priorities and aspirations by establishing a starting point for discussions.

1. Developing the Plan

Meaningful engagement with the LHI community is essential for the plan to have community ownership. The plan needs to be community-driven.

The proposed community communication and engagement strategy has been reviewed and is currently being updated. An implementation plan is in progress with an expected completion in September 2018.

2. Timeline for the Plan

It is understood that the development of a CSP is a priority. The development of the Community Strategic Plan with meaningful engagement is important. It is anticipated that the community engagement process, research, development of the draft CSP and community input into the draft CSP before finalisation would normally take 12 months. However, it is

considered important to have the CSP developed so that it can guide the effective allocation of resources and actions in the upcoming (2019/20) and subsequent Operating Plans and budgets.

Therefore the timeline, proposed in May 2018, to inform progress of the CSP has been updated to reflect the current status of review and the recently appointed key personnel undertaking the CSP process. It now needs to be revised to meet the strategic and financial planning milestones in early to mid 2019. A revised timeline that meets these milestones while not compromising meaningful community engagement will be developed and reported to the Board. It is noted that work on this key project will not wait for the next Board meeting but will continue in an expedited form. Some matters to include in the CSP engagement plan may include being mindful of peak visitor periods, and ensuring the community can make final comments after their initial engagement is structured into a draft CSP.

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