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Item: 06.01

Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE - REGIONAL TOURISM BUSHFIRE RECOVERY GRANT FUNDING - ROUND 2

Mayor, Peta Pinson

RECOMMENDATION

That Council request the General Manager include the Koala Sculpture Park project (incorporating up to 16 Hello Koala Sculptures and a 'Big Koala' at Roto House Historic Site) as part of the Council application under Round 2 of the Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Grant program, in conjunction with the Port Macquarie Bicentenary Legacy Project, known as Lumiere.

Discussion

Applications under Round 2 of the Austrade’s Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Grant funding close on 8 May 2020.

The purpose of the grant funding is to support larger events and initiatives and/or other visitor attractions, such as art installations and tourist walks, and promoting those events of the uniqueness of the region to bring International and/or domestic visitors back to the region and increase visitation.

The proposed Koala Sculpture Park project meets the above grant funding guidelines, as the koala is iconic and well known to our region as a tourist drawcard (with last year’s bushfires bringing our local koalas to International attention). The Koala Sculpture Trail is also a unique project for our region which will draw visitors both internationally and domestically.

For this reason, it is recommended that Council also seek grant funding for the Koala Sculpture Trail, together with the Lumiere project, under the Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Grant funding program.

Attachments

Nil
Item: 06.02

Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE - OPENING OF LAKE CATHIE

Mayor, Peta Pinson

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:
1. That Council note the level of Lake Cathie as reported on 6 May 2020 at 1.573m and the impact of this level for a prolonged period, which is resulting in the inundation of public infrastructure such as footpaths and the potential risks to the community that this poses.
2. Request the General Manager to proceed to open the lake upon receipt of approval from NSW Crown Lands for a Short Term Licence (for a period of up to 12 months) to reduce the impacts of flood inundation of public infrastructure.

Discussion

This Mayoral Minute is submitted to stop the reputational damage being caused to the organisation, staff and elected officials in relation to the opening of Lake Cathie.

The level of the lake is almost at the 1.6 metre trigger mark. A Council resolution requesting that the General Manager proceed to open the lake upon receipt of approval from NSW Crown Lands for a Short Term Licence (or a period of up to 12 months) to reduce the impacts of flood inundation of public infrastructure will provide good will to the community of Lake Cathie.

Attachments

Nil