

MEMO TO: Acting General Manager - Mark Arnold

COPY TO: Legal Counsel – Ralph James

MEMO FROM: Mayor - Simon Richardson

SUBJECT: Byron Bay Surf Festival

DATE: 15 December 2017

RECORD NO: E2017/114415

The multi-day Byron Bay Surf Festival (BBSF) has been held on the Byron Bay foreshore from 2011 – 2014, attracting up to 10,000 attendees annually.

BBSF have approached Council to hold the event again in 2018.

The objective of the BBSF is to celebrate Australia's iconic surf culture, drawing from its rich local and national heritage while reflecting the values, creative energy and culture of the Byron region and community. In 2018 the BBSF will continue to support charities (Byron Youth Service, Uncle Project and SurfAid) and will be enhancing its sustainability initiatives by promoting and supporting environmental education, conscious consumption of sustainable brands, as well as personal, group and community health.

BBSF seek the grant a temporary licence for proposed activities at Main Beach Byron Bay as part of the wider Byron Bay Surf Festival which is taking place throughout Byron Bay Township during the weekend of 23 – 25 February 2018.

Section 226 (d) of the *Local Government Act* permits the Mayor to exercise, in case of the necessity, the policy-making functions of the governing body of the Council between meetings of the Council.

A report to the Reserve Trust was prepared and was intended to be put before the governing body of Council on 14 December 2017. The General Manager, whose responsibility it is to compile the meeting agenda, did not include the report in the meeting agenda. Indeed there was no Reserve Trust meeting on 14 December 2017.

It is necessary for the BBSF to continue its preparations for the 2018 event including the preparation of its event application and advertising and promotion of the event.

Given that the next meeting of the governing body of Council is not until 1 February 2018, I deem it as a necessity that the Mayor exercise his between meetings role and grant the temporary licence.

Accordingly, I exercise my role, pursuant to section 226 (d) of the Local Government Act as follows:

That Council, as the Reserve Trust manager grants a temporary licence in accordance with

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