

Additional Information

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Ordinary Meeting

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Officer:	Manager Sport & Community Venues	Approving Director:	Director Community Strengthening

In response to a question raised by Councillor Bunnag, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

Question:

In regard to Lifeguard services and the review for future years, can you provide some visibility as we have had several drownings around Marcoola and Mudjimba. Has this review been done on the extension of services?

Response:

Over the past 5 years there have been 4 reported drownings in the vicinity of Marcoola and Mudjimba, it is important to note that these occurred outside patrolled areas. This reinforces the importance of lifeguard supervision and safe swimming behaviours and highlights the role of existing patrol services in reducing risk where they are present.

A review was conducted with Surf Life Saving Queensland as part of their annual contract obligations.

While attendance remains strong (over 200,000 visitors in the last financial year), with higher attendance already tracking in the current year, incident data shows a reduction in rescues and first aid cases.

Between FY2022 and FY2025, rescues decreased from 21 to 4 and first aid cases reduced from 299 to 88. This suggests that while demand remains strong, the current service model is continuing to manage activity without a corresponding increase in higher severity outcomes.

We will continue with the current service levels at Mudjimba for the coming financial year and will closely monitor demand and risk indicators, including attendance trends, incident data and seasonal pressures.