

## **SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - POWER BOAT EVENT**

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**Date of Meeting**            **DCU 8 March 2017**

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### **DETAILS**

Date Received:        14 February, 2017

Applicant:             Mid North Coast Speedboat Club

Owner:                 NSW TRADE & INVESTMENT, CROWN LANDS

Land:                  Lot 1 DP 718466

Lot 7307 DP 1130452

Lot 232 DP 753207

PT R88846

Zoning: RE1 -    Public Recreation

### **SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

A Special Event application has been received from the Mid North Coast Speedboat Club to stage a Power Boat event on Wallis Lake and utilising parts of Fazio Park, the unformed boat ramp on Point Rd and a section of foreshore adjacent to Palm St, Tuncurry. The proposed event is to occur on Saturday 1 July and Sunday 2 July, 2017.

Under Council's Policy, contentious Special Event applications or those with objections are to be determined by DCU.

### **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council approve the application received from the Mid North Coast Speedboat Club to conduct the proposed Power Boat Event on Saturday 1 July and Sunday 2 July, 2017, between the hours of 9:30am and 4:00pm each day. Subject to the appropriate conditions.

### **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **LIST OF ANNEXURES**

Nil

## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

### Special Event Application

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#### **REPORT**

A Special Event application has been received from the Mid North Coast Speedboat Club to stage a Power Boat event referred to as 'the Fred Williams Boaties Reunion', on Wallis Lake and utilising parts of Fazio Park, the unformed boat ramp on Point Rd and a section of foreshore adjacent to Palm St, Tuncurry. The proposed event is to occur on Saturday 1 July and Sunday 2 July, 2017.

As a result a public notice was placed in the Great Lakes Advocate notifying of the proposal and given 14 days from 15 February 2017 to make a submission.

Two submissions were received as a result of the public notice. Both supported the event as advertised. Nine submissions were received prior to the public notice appearing in the Great Lakes Advocate all of which supported the staging of the 'Fred Williams Boaties Reunion'. One submission was received as an email to the General Manager objecting to the event and various other matters. This email was not as a result of the public notice but as a result of an ongoing issue between the Forster Keys Ratepayers and Progress Association and the applicant.

#### **BACKGROUND**

For the past nine years the Forster Keys Ratepayers and Progress Association have run an event at Forster Keys called - The Forster Keys Family Fun Day. There has been both land and water based activities since the events inception. The land based activities have been coordinated by the Progress Association and the water based activities (power boats), initially by Fred Williams and later by the Taree Power Boat Club. Late last year many members of the existing Taree Power Boat Club resigned and formed the new the Mid North Coast Speedboat Club, with Fred Williams as their patron. This new club also decided not to align itself with the Australian Power Boat Association (APBA). The Progress Association has ended a nine year relationship, and won't allow the Mid North Coast Speedboat Club to be part of the usual Fun Day activities. As a result the Mid North Coast Speedboat Club has applied to council to run their own event on the waters of Wallis Lake between Tuncurry, Miles Island and the Forster / Tuncurry Bridge. RMS has designed a suitable course and fully support the land and water based activities being proposed.

It is proposed to use some of the foreshore for spectator viewing, Fazio Park for boat pit area, off street parking for participants and spectators and the closure of a section of Palm Street, Tuncurry for pedestrian movement, food vendors and the like.

This application is contentious due to the following:

- The internal conflict between the Mid North Coast Speedboat Club and the Forster Keys Ratepayers and Progress Association.
- The fact that the proposed date is the same date as the Forster Keys Family Fun Day. This date has been selected as; many of the participants in the power boat side of the event travel from interstate and some even from the US. As a result many have booked and paid for flights and accommodation and potentially would lose part or all of their fees, if they had to reschedule their travel arrangements. Similarly, Ken Warby and his son will be making an attempt later on this year to break their own world water speed record. The jet powered boat has been scheduled to go on a tour before the attempt is

made. This weekend has been slotted into this tour. The Warby jet boat will be a worthy attraction just by itself.

- Potentially 2 events being held in the Forster / Tuncurry area on the same weekend.  
***Note the Fun Day is only on the Sunday.***

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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