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C28 DEE WALLACE - DEDICATION OF SECTION OF SOLITARY ISLANDS COASTAL WALK

Purpose:

Further information in relation to dedicating a section of the Solitary Islands Coastal Walk in lieu of naming of a parkland at Emerald Beach.

Description of Item:

Council at its Corporate Business Committee meeting held on 23 April 2009 resolved:

“that Council consider the naming of the Emerald Beach Beachside Park the “Dee Wallace Memorial Park” and that this be launched at the Emerald Beach Fair in May 2009”. That a report be submitted to the next Council Meeting on this matter.”

Open space parkland at Emerald Beach is within the Coffs Coast Regional Park which is a Regional Park gazetted under the NPWS Act and is jointly managed between CHCC and NPWS under an adopted MoU.

Dee Wallace was the original community catalyst for the concept of a Solitary Islands Coastal Walk from Sawtell to Arrawarra and galvanised community support that eventually led to Council supporting and resolving to adopt the proposal in the mid to late 90's.

In discussion with NPWS staff it has been suggested that a more appropriate manner in which to recognise the contributions made by Dee Wallace may be to dedicate/name a section of the Solitary Islands Coastal Walk in the Emerald Beach locality in her honour. NPWS staff have verbally indicated they would support such a proposal. Landcare have taken this idea to Dee's partner who has indicated support and has taken the proposal to a meeting of URGE, with no reported concerns.

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Dammerels Head adjoining the southern end of Emerald Beach has been suggested as a suitable location. Dammerels Head is within the Moonee Nature Reserve (MNR) managed by NPWS and the Solitary Islands Coastal Walk Strategy identifies an existing walking route from Lighthouse Crescent over the headland to Emerald Beach.

The Draft MNR Plan of Management was on public exhibition until 11 May and it is recommended that Council make the following late submission to the Draft regarding upgrading the track on Dammerels Head as part of the Solitary Islands Coastal Walk and dedicating/naming it in honour of Dee Wallace in recognition of her contribution as the community catalyst of the SICW and her tireless efforts in progressing the SICW. NPWS staff have stated a submission to the Draft MNR PoM in the days following the closing date of 11 May will be accepted. A submission from Council could read:

“Coffs Harbour City Council has identified that the existing walking track on Dammerels Head is in a degraded state and is worthy of upgrading as indicated in the *Solitary Islands Coastal Walk – Sawtell to Arrawarra*, February 2000, as an integral part of the coastal walk. In upgrading the walking track on Dammerels Head Council recommends that this section of the coastal walk be dedicated/named in honour of the late Dee Wallace, of Emerald Beach, who was the individual catalyst for the concept of a Solitary Islands Coastal Walk from Sawtell to Arrawarra along the Coffs coastline on public lands. Dee Wallace work tirelessly in galvanising community support for a coastal walk concept and championed the concept to Council in the mid nineties which led to Council preparing a Draft Solitary Islands Coastal Walk – Sawtell to Arrawarra Strategy, consulting widely on the Draft, including with NPWS at the time and formally adopting the *Solitary Islands Coastal Walk – Sawtell to Arrawarra*, February 2000.”

Sustainability Assessment:

- **Environment**

The proposal seeks to have Council and NPWS formally recognise the highly valued contribution that Dee Wallace made to the Solitary Island Coastal Walk within the Coffs Harbour Local Government Area. The form of recognition shall have no direct environmental impact.

- **Social**

It is appropriate for Council to recognise members of the community who have made significant contributions to improvements to our City and its environment. Recognition in the form proposed will, it is hoped, continue to give encouragement to volunteers to make contributions.

- **Economic**

The proposal has no economic impact to Council.

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Consultation:

Consultation has been undertaken with NPWS staff, Landcare and Dee Wallace's partner.

Statutory Requirements:

There are no statutory requirements in relation to submissions to government bodies.

Issues:

Through consultation with NPWS and Landcare it has been agreed that the most appropriate manner in which to recognise Dee Wallace's contributions to the environment is through dedication/naming of a section of Solitary Island Coastal Walk in the Emerald Beach locality.

Implementation Date / Priority:

A submission will be made to the Moonee Nature Reserve Draft Plan of Management on Friday 15 May 2009.

Recommendation:

That a submission be made to the Draft Moonee Nature Reserve Plan of Management for the upgrading and dedication/naming of a section of Solitary Island Coastal Walk on Dammerels Head in honour of the late Dee Wallace in recognition as the original community catalyst for the concept of a coastal walk.

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