

	COUNCIL POLICY	
	USE OF THE BLUEWATER LAGOON	
POLICY NO	003	
DEPARTMENT	Organisational Services	
PROGRAM	Property Services	
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## 1.0 Scope

To advise the general public on the acceptable use of the Bluewater Lagoon.

## 2.0 Purpose

For the purpose of this policy, the use of the Bluewater Lagoon refers to Mackay Regional Council's (MRC) general position on the objectives and usage parameters in regard to the Bluewater Lagoon aquatic facility located at Caneland Park, Mackay.

## 3.0 Reference

- Local Law No. 4 (LG Controlled Areas, Facility and Roads) 2011
- Subordinate Local Law No. 4 (LG Controlled Areas Facility and Roads) 2011

## 4.0 Definitions

To assist in interpretation the following definitions shall apply:

**Council** shall mean the Mayor and Councillors of Mackay Regional Council.

**Lagoon** shall mean Bluewater Lagoon

**MRC** shall mean Mackay Regional Council.

## 5.0 Background

MRC's key objectives for the Bluewater Lagoon facility include:

- a) To operate a lagoon-style aquatic facility for the residents of the Mackay region to provide a safe alternative to beach swimming;
- b) To provide a facility that supports the education and learning of skills that not only save lives but provide a foundation for participation in a range of aquatic recreation, fitness and sporting activities;
- c) To attract (and retain) more workers and families to the region by increasing lifestyle attractiveness;

- d) To provide alternative recreational, social and lifestyle opportunities for residents and tourists, including senior citizens, people with disabilities and youth;
- e) To promote a healthier community;
- f) To provide a response to community demands and expectations;

## **6.0 Policy Statement**

### **6.1 Mission Statement**

“Delivering access to the Bluewater Lagoon, putting the community first and encouraging a high level of usage with a high level of satisfaction by users.”

### **6.2 Intent**

- a) To become the hub of physical and social activity by creating positive leisure experiences to promote overall attractiveness of the Mackay region;
- b) Recognise that the lagoon facility aims to deliver direct and indirect social and economic outcomes for the Mackay region;
- c) To provide a community hub to foster integration of the community, supporting the growth of the region and projecting a positive image to stimulate further population growth;
- d) To involve our community in the development of activities and events to promote a sustainable facility and to further enhance our region’s social capital.

### **6.3 Usage Parameters**

- a) The Bluewater Lagoon is intended to be used for community, health and recreational purposes;
- b) Activities that provide a range of skills and knowledge to develop water safety, survival and basic rescue skills;
- c) Activities and events, which aim for health, physical and social wellbeing are to be prioritised over activities and events that do not aim for this objective;
- d) Organised learn to swim, swim coaching and stroke correction lessons are not to be conducted at the Bluewater Lagoon, and should continue to operate from the facilities provided at public pool facilities or in private facilities;
- e) Facility and/or area hire which aim for health, physical and social wellbeing are to be prioritised over activities and events that do not aim for this objective.

## 7.0 Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed when any of the following occur:

1. The related documents are amended or replaced.
2. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by a resolution of Council.

Notwithstanding the above, this policy is to be reviewed at intervals of no more than three years.

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Version Control:

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