



DELEGATE'S REPORT

8th February 2005

D1 SCHOLARSHIPS – MEDICAL SCIENCES
FILE: * JHB

SUMMARY:

Reporting on the selection of students to be awarded Scholarships to assist during the initial year of University courses.



The two Scholarships, each of \$6,500 were made possible by an allocation of funds by Council and the support of Kempsey West and South West Rocks Rotary Clubs and IGA Supermarket Kempsey.

Interviews of the 4 applicants were carried out on 27th January 2005 and the successful students selected are –

Nicole Ring, who will undertake Medicine/Surgery at the University of New South Wales, and

Martine Cox, who will undertake Nutrition and Dietetics at the University of Newcastle.

Nicole and Martine have been invited to attend Council's meeting for the presentation of the major portion of the funding.

The allocation of funding for this purpose has been well received within the area of school education and ongoing funding support is most desirable. A number of Corporations and Organisations within the area have been invited to consider support of the Scholarship Scheme.

It has been arranged for members of the Medical Sciences Scholarship Committee to visit the three Kempsey High Schools in the near future to acquaint the Year 12 students of the availability of these Scholarships.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil.

- *Social*

There are strong benefits in supporting local students in medical sciences studies as this support may encourage the students with their expertise to return to a country area.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Funds have been provided by Council and the community.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That a letter of appreciation be forwarded to the Rotary Clubs of Kempsey West and South West Rocks and IGA Supermarket Kempsey for their support with the 2005 Scholarships for Medical Sciences.
2. That Kempsey Council make an annual commitment of \$5,000 for ongoing Scholarships for Medical Sciences.
3. That the Rotary Clubs of Kempsey, Kempsey West and South West Rocks, together with the Board of IGA Supermarket Kempsey be requested to support the Scholarships for Medical Sciences within their disbursements of funds during 2005.
4. That the Local Government and Shires Associations together with the Australian Local Government Association be advised of the success of the Scholarship program.

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COUNCILLOR J H BOWELL