



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

10th May 2005

DSS11 TOWN IMPROVEMENT FUND
FILE: 153 NJT

SUMMARY:

Reporting on funding options for the Town Improvement Fund.



Council considered a report on the 2004/2009 Transportation Infrastructure Strategic Plan at its meeting on the 15th July 2004 and resolved:

"That the 2004/2009 Transportation Infrastructure Strategic Plan be adopted, and, that the funding for the three down river villages, Willawarrin and Bellbrook be reviewed."

Council considered a further report on the Town Improvement Fund at its meeting on the 8th March 2005 and resolved:

- 1. "That this matter be deferred for one month and referred to the three (3) community groups at Frederickton, Hat Head and Stuarts Point for consultation over part 1 of the Director's Recommendation."*
- 2. That the communities of Willawarrin and Bellbrook be consulted about the Town Improvement Program and their perceived needs.*
- 3. That consideration be given in the 2005/2006 budget to increasing the funding to \$400,000 for the Town Improvement Programs over the whole Shire."*

Council considered a further report on the Town Improvement Fund at its meeting on the 12th April 2005 and resolved:

"That this matter be deferred until after the budget workshops."

Attached is a copy of the report to Council at its meeting on the 12th April 2005 [\(Appendix I, Part 1, Part 2\)](#)

It is recommended that Council reconsider the report to Council on the 12th April 2005.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS

▪ *Environmental Implications*

The environmental implications from the following recommendation would be completing town improvement works.

▪ *Social Implications*

The social implications are increasing requests for improvement works in villages.

▪ *Economic (Financial) Implications*

Economic implications are increasing requests for funding for both town improvement works and recreational enhancement projects.

As previously noted, the overall levels of funding have reduced and the number of facilities provided under this program have increased.

A substantial increase in funding for this program, in the order of \$250 000, is the only way to address the requested projects.

▪ *Policy or Statutory Implications*

There are no policy or statutory implications.

▪ *Director's Review*

Council needs to provide firm direction on funding allocation to allow completion of the Transportation Infrastructure Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the funding allocated for the Town Improvement Program be distributed as a proportion of net rate income for each town/village but that the funding for the smaller villages of Frederickton, Gladstone, Smithtown, Stuarts Point and Hat Head be pooled to provide funding for a capital project on a five year rotational basis.*
- 2. That consideration be given in the 2005/2006 budget to increasing the funding for the Town Improvement Program.*

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