



## **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT**

10<sup>th</sup> May 2005

<b>DSS3</b>	<b>COMMONWEALTH GAMES QUEEN'S BATON RELAY</b>
<b>FILE: 430</b>	<b>CJL</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay.



Kempsey Shire will host a visit by the Melbourne 2006 Queen's Baton as it travels through the Shire on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2006, on its way to the opening ceremony of the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games. This is day five of the 50 day Baton Relay tour across the country.

The Queen's Baton arrives at its 71<sup>st</sup> and final destination, Australia, on 24 January 2006. The baton will then travel 21500 kilometres across Australia – 9700 by road, 9300 by air, 1000 by sea and 1500 by rail.

The Australian leg of the Queen's Baton Relay is funded by the Australian Government and is a joint initiative of the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation, and the relay's Presenting Partner, Telstra, Tourism Partner, Tourism Australia and sponsors, National Australia Bank and Qantas.

Details of the exact route the relay will travel through Kempsey Shire and information about local relay celebrations will be released later in the year.

### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

**Nil**

- ***Social***

***The Queen's Baton Relay will be a positive event for Kempsey Shire and it will be an opportunity to showcase the Shire via media attention. There will be community involvement in festivities associated with the Baton's visit to Kempsey Shire.***

- ***Economic (Financial)***

*Nil*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil*

- *Director's Review*

*Kempsey is again fortunate to be included in such an event and Council can be involved in co-ordinating Community Activities.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the information be noted.*

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