

DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

20th June 2005

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SUMMARY:

Reporting that consideration needs to be given to revote money allocated to projects/programs for 2004/05 administered by Council's Sustainable Development Services Department.

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For a variety of reasons, money allocated to a number of projects administered by Council's Sustainable Development Services Department requires revoting for the 2005/06 financial year to which the following comments relate. [\(Appendix A\)](#)

Strategic Planning

- Saltwater LEP – This is a developer funded project and unexpended funds held by Council are required to be revoted until the project has been completed.
- Ex Oil Terminal LEP - This is a developer funded project and unexpended funds held by Council are required to be revoted until the project has been completed.
- Residential Land Release Strategy – Just over half the allocation of \$10,000 has been spent with the project delayed by the resignation of the strategic planner. The project is considerable and is likely to take at least another year to complete with a further \$40,000 allocated for 2005/06 and the balance should be carried over.
- Spencerville Distributor Road – This project has been deferred pending preparation of a master plan for the area \$28,000 was previously reallocated to the Master Plan project with a small amount retained to complete the consultants report which has

now been finalised. The remaining amount of \$958 should also be transferred to the master plan project.

- Spencerville/ New Entrance Master Plan – This project could take two (2) years to complete as it relies on a flora and fauna survey for which consultants have been engaged. The remaining \$59,990 is therefore committed.
- Catchment Study, Spencerville – The allocation of \$15,000 was reduced from an original allocation of \$50,000 as Shire Services were able to obtain funding for the project. The project has commenced and the funds have been committed.

Environmental Rehabilitation

- Water Quality Monitoring - Only \$30,000 of the original allocation of \$44,000 will be spent with the balance of \$14,000 not required.
- Macleay River Management Plan – This project is jointly grant funded by DIPNR. DIPNR has recently confirmed it's share of funding which has held the project up. Consultants have completed Stage I (Data Compilation) for which a commitment of a further \$50,000 has been made with the balance required to match DIPNR funding for Stage II (Process Study).
- Korogora Creek Study – This project has not commenced as Council has been awaiting confirmation of matching funding from DIPNR. DIPNR have now confirmed their share and \$20,000 is required to be revoted.
- Pola Creek Restoration – Although almost completed, drain clearing works are required using heavy machinery, the cost of which has not been fully determined at this stage. This project is funded from the Environmental Levy and the money should be revoted to complete the project. Any unspent money could be reallocated to other projects.
- Killick/ Saltwater Creek and Boyters Lane Management Plans – Draft plans have been received which require review prior to public exhibition and the money has been committed.
- Saltwater Creek Flood Study – This study is being jointly funded by a developer, DIPNR and Council. The study is nearing completion and the funds have been committed.

- Ptolomy's Scald, Raffertys Drain, Sillitoes Drain and Thurgoods Drain Projects – Are all grant funded by DIPNR. All projects have been commenced and are dry weather dependant.
- Maria River Floodplain – This project is fully grant funded and the unspent funds are required to complete a number of drain rehabilitation projects.
- Macleay River Projects – The reason \$32,000 of the \$40,000 allocated from the Environmental Levy remains unspent is that on the basis of the various successful programs the funding established, Council was successful in obtaining \$36,000 from DIPNR. The fund provides vital seed funding for a range of rehabilitation projects and it is recommended that the funds be rolled into the ongoing program.

Economic Development

- Invest Macleay Brochure – The funds are fully committed and the brochure is due to be printed in June 2005.
- Transport Inspection Day – This has not been given a high priority by MDAP, however, Council' at it's meeting of 14 June 2005, resolved that the matter be given priority and the money will need to be revoted.
- Entrance Statement – Consultants have prepared a draft report and the funds are fully committed.
- Newsletter – The second newsletter has been completed and sent for printing and the funds are therefore fully committed.
- Town Marketing Plan – Has been completed and we are awaiting an account.
- Industry Prospectus – Funds are fully committed with the Prospectus currently with the printer.
- Industry Networking Group - The project has been unable to be commenced and revoting to 2004/05 will enable completion.
- Farmers Market - \$10,000 has been allocated over 2 years with the remaining \$1,700 required to finalise the project.

- Home Based Business Workshops – Council is currently awaiting confirmation of a guest speaker to hold a function in July 2005 and the funds are committed.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Unless a number of revotes are agreed to several important environmental programs may not proceed.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Whether or not funds are revoted funding of current and future programs will be affected.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That funds for programs being undertaken by Council's Sustainable Development Services Department be reallocated in accordance with the above report.

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