



## **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT**

12th July 2005

<b>DSS4</b>	<b>BIENNIAL NOXIOUS WEEDS CONFERENCE</b>
<b>FILE: *</b>	<b>GWE {Folio No. *} }</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the Biennial Noxious Weeds Conference.



Orange City Council and the Macquarie Valley Weeds Advisory Committee, in association with the NSW Department of Primary Industries are holding the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Noxious Weeds Conference on 19 – 22 September 2005.

The conference offers an exciting program that will explore weed and vegetation management issues and directions from a practitioner's perspective. A series of case studies will examine challenges, ethics, different pathways and solutions, as well as motivational speakers discussing how to respond to challenges and opportunities. Conference sessions will be held at the Orange Ex-Services Club. It is conveniently located in Orange's CBD.

Council's delegate to the Mid North Coast Weeds advisory Committee is Councillor Dean Saul and it seems appropriate that he attend this conference if possible. Registration costs are \$550 and accommodation is in the order of \$130.00 per night.

### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental Implications***

***There can only be environmental benefit if the management issues and practical solutions are disseminated and widely understood by Council.***

- ***Social Implications***

*By attending such conferences Councillors can develop a broader understanding of the issues and carry the message forward to the community at large.*

- *Economic (Financial) Implications*

*The economic impact of this report is expenditure of funds provided for Councillor travelling.*

- *Policy or Statutory Implications*

*There are no policy or statutory implications from this report.*

- *Director's Review*

*Council delegates are encouraged to attend this conference to develop an understanding of the broader issues and see approaches from other Local Government bodies.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Councillor Dean Saul be delegated to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Noxious Weeds Conference.**

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