



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

13th September 2005

**GM4 MID NORTH COAST RURAL FINANCIAL
COUNSELLING SERVICE - 2005 / 06 BUDGET
FILE: 153 JCC**

SUMMARY

Reporting that requested information on the operation of the Mid North Coast Rural Financial Service has now been received.



At its meeting of 14th June, 2005, Council considered a Notice of Motion which recommended:

"That Kempsey Shire council make a donation of \$3,000.00 to the Mid North Coast Rural Counselling Service in the 2005 / 06 Budget".

In considering this matter Council resolved:

"That this matter be deferred until the information on donations received is supplied by the counselling service".

That information has now been received and is attached along with the original Notice of Motion considered by Council at [Appendix A Part 1, Part 2](#)

Council has recently adopted its budget for the 2005 / 06 financial year and a successful result to this request would require either an additional allocation of \$3,000.00 within its budget or the variation of other programs within that Budget.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- *Social*

Social implications apply to the affected recipients of support supplied by this organisation.

- *Financial*

Council recently adopted its 2005 / 06 financial plan which results in an estimated surplus of \$3,078. This surplus has been eroded by voting funds from working funds for various projects. Donation of \$3,000 would further reduce working funds.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *General Manager's Review*

This service is funded by the Commonwealth and State Government. There are no financial contributions from any Local Government Authority for the year ending 30th June 2004 although in their letter they state that they receive financial support from Nambucca and Coffs Harbour and in kind support from Richmond Valley and Kyogle.

RECOMMENDATION

For Council's determination.

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A V Burgess
GENERAL MANAGER