



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DELEGATE'S REPORT

15th November 2005

DR2	KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL - MASTERPLAN FILE: * CLRS JHB & BEG
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the inaugural meeting of the Steering Committee held at the Hospital on Friday, 28 October 2005.



The membership of the Committee is made up of twenty-four (24) persons from a wide range of health related activities as well as the Aboriginal Community, Consumer and Community Forum and Council.

The purpose of the Steering Committee is to oversee the development of a Services Plan and a Site Master Plan for the Kempsey Health Campus. The plans are to be developed in consultation with key stakeholders so that services will meet the needs of the Kempsey community, the Hastings Macleay Network and the North Coast Area Health Service for the present and into the future.

The purpose of developing a Service Plan for the Kempsey Health Campus is to develop health services that meet the needs of residents living in the Kempsey Shire and ensure complementary service provisions by government and non-government agencies are included.

The purpose of consultation meetings is to:-

- Identify major service issues and gaps in service provision.
- Prepare actions to improve working in partnership with health care providers.
- Propose improvements to services provided by the Kempsey Health Campus.

The Master Plan consultant spoke on the alternatives of rebuilding on the present site, adjoining West Kempsey Cemetery, or a

Greenfield site (There was a Greenfield site at East Kempsey however this was sold for residential development).

The Consultant stated the desired review of hospital buildings should be carried out every 10 to 15 years. It is over 40 years since the "new" section of Kempsey District Hospital was opened.

Whilst a number of consultation meetings will be held with health providers, the Community and Consumer Forum, the Aboriginal Community, Corrections Health, residential aged care facilities and Council over November and December arrangements will be made for appropriate media coverage, which will allow for community input.

In discussion on the importance of the Hastings Macleay Network it was strongly emphasised that the provision of health services, together with the availability of specialists to provide these services must be shared within the network for the benefit of the community.

It is anticipated the final plan will be submitted to the Steering Committee for endorsement and sign off by March 2006 following a public meeting.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That a copy of this report be forwarded to ratepayer and community organisations within the Shire for information.

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