



## **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT**

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**DSS5                      GRANTS FOR LIBRARY SERVICE**  
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### **SUMMARY:**

Kempsey Shire Council has received 2 grants for the library service



At the Country Public Libraries Association's Annual Conference at Coonabarabran on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July Minister for the Arts Bob Debus announced that Kempsey Shire Council has received a NSW Government Library Development Grant of \$82,608 to improve collections for young people at the Kempsey and Hastings libraries.

The Library Development Grant of \$82,608, for which \$41,304 has been allocated to Kempsey (improve collections for young people) will be used this year for:

- Guest speakers (study skills, handling stress, essay writing)
- Children's author visits and promotions
- Purchase of DVDs
- Purchase of Books
- Writing workshops and competitions

In addition Kempsey alone received a grant of \$17,169 to upgrade and refurbish the youth section of the library. Two new computers are to be purchased together with armchairs and shelving systems. Any resources or equipment purchased with these funds have to be made available to the community free of charge.

In the letter advising of the granting of the funds, the application was commended for the extensive community consultations that were undertaken to determine the needs of the target group (young people).

The Library has been successful over the past 3 years with securing grants from the NSW Government. Grants for non fiction, fiction and a youth resources grant have been received in recent years.

### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- *Environmental*

*There are no environmental implications arising from this report.*

- *Social*

*Social implications are entirely favourable. The library's rationale for making this application was to assist young people to stay at school for longer, through the provision of a welcoming, comfortable environment with helpful staff where they can undertake either formal or informal study. The library aims to be a place where young people can spend time without being on the street and still indulge their interests without anti-social behaviours.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*The projects are fully funded by the grants. Council's contribution is the in-kind staff resources needed to administer it.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information be noted.

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