



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DELEGATE'S REPORT

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DR1	LGSA AGEING AND DISABILITY	
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the recent LGSA Ageing and Disability meeting attended by Councillor Bob McWilliam.



DESCRIPTION:

This Committee meets three times a year in Sydney and members are from all parts of NSW.

This Committee's purpose is to advise various State Government Ministers and Departments on the needs of our ageing population and people with disabilities. We are involved in developing, planning, co-ordinating and delivering Home and Community Care (HACC) services and other related services; in addressing disability access and ageing concerns in a variety of planning and service contexts; and general policy and advocacy work on a variety of ageing, disability, health and community issues.

This year we have concentrated on three major issues, they are:

1. Working with the Federal and State Governments on the issues of aligning the building code to be in line with Australian Commonwealth disability discrimination laws.
2. We have prepared an implementation paper for the working party to review State Environmental Planning Policy (seniors living). Putting this paper together we had input from all LGA's county councils and all regional Aboriginal Land Councils in NSW. If any Councillors would like a copy of this paper I would be more than happy to furnish them with one.
3. Currently we are in the process of addressing the State Government's guidelines on disability infrastructure within local LGA's transport and accessibility. This will affect

Kempsey Shire Council as 30% of all infrastructures must be disability friendly by the end of March 2007. This includes all bus shelters, taxi ranks, boat wharves and jetties. As we have not committed any money in our budget to improve this infrastructure I would suggest that Council write to the Department of Transport to see if any grants are forthcoming to help put these measures in place.

Our next meeting will be held on 22 November 2006. After that I will be able to update Council on any developments to the transport infrastructure.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Implications arising from this report suggest that man made environmental facilities will need to be modified in order to make Council compliant with the new legislation.

- ***Social***

This report will assist Council to meet the physical needs of an ageing population within our Shire.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

As indicated in the body of this report Council has not allocated funds necessary to ensure that all facilities are compliant by March 2007.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

This is a new legislative requirement that needs to be addressed by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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COUNCILLOR R H McWILLIAM