



MAYORAL REPORT

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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the proceedings of the Mid North Coast Group of Council's meeting.



DESCRIPTION:

The Mid North Coast Group of Council's meeting was held at Nambucca Shire Council on Wednesday, 21st March and was attended by the General Manager and myself. The meeting was preceded by a dinner organised by Nambucca Shire Council to farewell Tom Port who retires from Nambucca Shire on the 31st March.

The meeting was addressed by Mr Paul Hernage, Regional Director Department of Sport and Recreation, Mr Richard Holloway, Regional Art Development Officer and Mr John Rooth, Chairperson Mid North Coast Area Disability Committee.

Mr Hernage was proposing the establishment of a Regional Sport and Recreation Committee comprising Sport and Recreational staff and staff from each Council to address common issues and trends, to increase communication and to provide quality advice on strategic and operational sport and recreation issues. The concept has been referred to the next meeting of MIDGOC to allow Council staff views to be considered.

Richard Holloway gave a presentation on the operation of Arts Mid North Coast and the regions application to the State Government for increased funding for the 2006 / 2009 period. Arts Mid North Coast is requesting increased contributions from Local Government. This Council's contribution would increase from \$4,802.00 to \$5,627.00 dollars in the 2006 / 07 year.

John Rooth spoke about the changing role of Local Government and the need for Council's to not only provide services identified by their Access Committees but to provide support in securing essential services and monitoring that services are being provided to their communities. This should be undertaken by a Disability Committee.

Council's ESD Committee in November raised the issue of the possibility of developing a regional based sustainability strategy. This was addressed by MIDGOC and has been referred to Planning Strategic Alliance Group for their comment.

MIDGOC is to write to all MLC's condemning the proposed changes to the EP & A Act.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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J A C Hayes
MAYOR