



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

12th September 2006

**DSS12 DONATIONS / GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES
FILE: 3 JMC**

SUMMARY:

Reporting on the receipt of Financial Statements from those organisations that requested a donation from Council.

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As per Council's Policy C21:7 (attached [Appendix H](#)), applications for donations were called for via Council's advertisements in January 2006. The determination process has been held up awaiting the receipt of financial statements.

Attached at [Appendix I](#) is a summary of those received. Council was able to donate a used computer to the Red Cross for Telecross purposes.

Council at its meeting of 14th March 2006 resolved:- (Resolution 2006.170) *"That in regard to grants and donations in future no donations be made until up-to-date audited financial statements are received from the organisations"*.

Letters were forwarded to all sixteen (16) applicants seeking copies of audited financial statements. Financial Statements were received from the following organisations only:-

- 1 South West Rocks Surf Life Saving Club Inc – requested *"whatever" to assist with training lifesavers to keep our beaches safe."*
- 2 Friendship Force of Kempsey Incorporated – requested *\$1,100 to assist with 17th Aust. National Conference to be held in Kempsey.*
- 3 Royal Flying Doctors Service – requested \$100.
- 4 Kempsey Swimming Club – requested *\$1,000 to assist with costs for the Regional NSW Swim Meet.*

- 5 SWR Cricket Club Inc – requested \$1,500 to purchase a heavy roller for the turf wicket at SWR.
- 6 Adelaide Swift Art Award – requested \$1,000 for Prize money for 4th Bi-annual Art Exhibition.

The financial statements will be tabled at the Council Meeting for Councillors to consider. The Royal Flying Doctors Service has not been included in the recommendation as Council's Policy states:- *"To assist Council to equitably distribute its annual donations allocation and maximise the benefits gained by the Kempsey Shire community"*.

The current Policy states that Council will advertise bi-annually for applications, the next advertisement will not be placed until January 2007.

The Budget allocation is \$9,000, however commitments are made in Council's Policy C21:7 (\$2,000) that are paid from this allocation. The amount available for distribution now is \$3,500.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil.

- *Social*

Contributions by the above groups are a valuable resource to our community.

- *Economic (Financial)*

After this disbursement Council will have \$3,500 remaining in the Donations Budget for 2006/07.

- *Policy or Statutory*

The application and distribution of donations is in accordance with Council Policy No. C21:7.

- *Director's Review*

It is suggested that when advertising for the next round of Donations the amount available for distribution be stated in order to avoid unreal community expectations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a \$700 donation be made to each of the following organisations:-

1. South West Rocks Cricket Club
2. Kempsey Swimming Club
3. South West Rocks Surf Lifesaving Club
4. Adelaide Swift Art Award
5. Friendship Force of Kempsey

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