KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

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DSS4 CYCLEWAY FUNDING
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on advice received from the RTA regarding cycleway funding for 2006/2007.

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DESCRIPTION:

Council has received advice from the RTA of a grant of $25,000 for a cycleway project. These funds are to be matched on a 1:1 basis by Council.

It is recommended that Council construct a cycleway in Kemp Street from the end of the footway on the railway bridge over the Macleay River, to Eden Street. The construction of this cycleway will fill in a missing link from the cycleway network on the southern side of the railway bridge to West Kempsey.

The RTA are proposing to undertake a major upgrading of the pedestrian footbridge adjacent to the railway bridge. Discussions with the RTA indicate that the upgrade will include a ramp at the northern end to replace the existing stairs. Funds are also available to upgrade the lighting on the footbridge.

An amount of $50,000 was originally provided for a cycleway in Kemp Street in the estimates for 2006/07. However, no funds were provided in the 2006/2007 budget for this project.

It is recommended that the $25,000 funding required to match the grant offer be provided from funds made available from the sale of the road reserve in Elringtons Lane. A balance of approximately $35,000 from the sale of the land was transferred into Working Funds.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- ***Social***

The construction of a cycleway will provide an important link for pedestrians and cyclists from West Kempsey to South Kempsey.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

The economic implication is that $25,000 be provided from Working Funds.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

Nil

- ***Director's Review***

Council is urged to accept the grant offer as the construction of a paved cycleway will provide a vital link between South Kempsey and West Kempsey and it will complement the upgrading of the pedestrian footbridge proposed by the RTA.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the grant of $25,000 to construct a cycleway in Kemp Street from the end of the footbridge adjacent to the railway bridge over the Macleay River to Eden Street be accepted.

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