



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

14th February 2006

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REGIONAL FILM PROGRAM

FILE: *

AVB

{Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

To decide whether Council wishes to contribute to Film Mid North Coast Armidale for the next two years.



DESCRIPTION:

Christina Hyde from Film Mid North Coast Armidale gave a presentation to Councillors on the Regional Film Program at the December Council meeting.

The program is currently funded for twelve months to April 2006 through a partnership between the Regional Development Board, the NSW Department of State and Regional Development and Local Government.

The NSW Government has announced that it would fund a number of regional film programs in the future and the Mid North Coast Regional Development Board is now enquiring as to whether Council would be prepared to be a funding partner for the next two years on a per capita basis. Council would be required to contribute 15c per capita (\$4,000) in 2006 and 10c per capita (\$3,000) in 2007.

Council contributed \$8,000 to the program in 2004 / 05 but withdrew its contribution in the 2005 / 06 year. No provision has been made for a contribution in the 2006 / 07 year in our five year budget.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

No provision has been made in this year's budget. Any contribution would need to be financed from working funds.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *General Manager's Review*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council advise the Mid North Coast Regional Development Board that it is not prepared to make a contribution to the Regional Film Program in 2006 or 2007.

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GENERAL MANAGER