



KEMPSEY  
Shire Council

## DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

14<sup>th</sup> March 2006

DCS5                      KEMPSEY AIRPORT SIX MONTH REPORT  
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### SUMMARY:

Reporting on airport activities.



### DESCRIPTION:

#### Financial Statement

A Profit and Loss Account for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005 to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2006 is attached at [\(Appendix F\)](#).

#### Staff Training

In the last week of November 2005 three (3) KSC staff completed a security course to obtain qualifications as airport security guards. This is part of the Federal governments requirements under the 'Securing our Skies' program. The training qualifies staff to conduct hand wand metal detection. These procedures will only be implemented when the Federal Government advises of a security alert. Applications have also been made for the acquiring of ASIC's (Airport Security Identification Cards) for the same three staff. Non ASIC holders are not permitted airside two hours either side of a Regular Passenger Transport service (RPT) movement.

#### ASIC's

Aviation ID Pty Ltd have been contracted to be ASIC issuers for Kempsey, this means that as additional people in the area may need an ASIC they can apply through us and we will forward the documentation to Aviation ID for processing and issuing of the card. There is no cost to Council for this service. Aviation ID is providing this service to numerous airports throughout NSW and they recoup there costs from individual applicants.

## **Security Upgrades**

Council has previously gained sign off from the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) for our Airport Transport Security Program which identified the required security measures to meet new heightened security guidelines.

Quotations for the provision of the identified security improvements have been lodged with the Regional Airports Funding Program (RAFP). Now that RAFP actually have the quotations they will process the application and make a recommendation that will be then passed on to the Minister for Transport for final approval. The proposed security measures to be implemented are:

- Five security floodlights
- Four closed circuit television camera's
- DVD recording
- Electronic codes access control to airside sectors
- Security mesh screens to secure baggage handling area
- Two metre fencing in terminal and hangar areas
- Electrically operated sliding gate at main airside access point

The installation of an electrified fence around the six (6) km perimeter fence is almost completed. The electric fence has been commissioned in stages and is already having a positive impact on the number of kangaroos and wallabies within the airport.

## **New Hanger**

A new aircraft Hanger has been constructed adjacent to the Macleay Aircraft Maintenance Hanger. The building is owned by John Connors and the land is leased from council.

## **Passenger Transport**

Big Sky Express are still intending to provide an RPT service for Kempsey although we are finding it very difficult to get information from them as to when this might be happening.

## **Future Uses Of Airport Lands**

Council's aerodrome lands which have been identified as having potential for sale are included in the Works Inspection for 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

Council's MDAP committee has set aside a budget to engage AirBiz Australia to conduct a feasibility study for future uses of the airport.

## **Annual Safety Inspection**

The annual safety inspection of the airport was conducted in September 2005 and an audit was conducted by CASA in early

October. These inspections identified the need to widen the centreline of the runway and provide an electrified fence to keep wallabies off airside. Both of these requirements have been met.

## **Airport Emergency Exercise**

A mock emergency exercise was conducted at the airport in September 2005. All emergency services participated in the exercise and found it to be a most worthwhile exercise.

An actual emergency occurred on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2005 when a light aircraft returning from Brisbane was unable to properly lower its landing gear.

### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

*Nil*

- ***Social***

*Nil*

- ***Economic (Financial)***

*It is estimated that the cost of running the electric fence and security lighting will be approximately \$3,800 per annum.*

*The new lease struck for the new hanger will return \$1,075 per annum income to Council.*

- ***Policy or Statutory***

*Nil*

- ***Director's Review***

*Nil*

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the information be noted.**

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**DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES**