



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

14th March 2006

**DSS14 YOUTH INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
CENTRE
FILE: 343 GJH {Folio No. * }**

SUMMARY:

Reporting on the progress in the establishment of the Youth Information and Referral Centre at Kempsey PCYC South Kempsey.



At Council's meeting of the 14th February 2006 Council considered a report on the progress of the establishment of the Youth Information and Referral Centre at PCYC.

Unfortunately there has been little further progress to date.

Kempsey PCYC is still awaiting quotations and expects that they will be received in the next fortnight.

Council is also still awaiting advice from the Kempsey Youth Workers Network for a suitable date to hold the meeting to discuss the issues between Kempsey Shire Council and the Network. A date for this meeting will be set soon with the meeting to be held by the end of March.

In due course when all quotes and consultations have been completed a report will be forwarded to Kempsey Shire Council ordinary meeting for consideration.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

- ***Social***

Opposition to the relocation of the service to the PCYC South Kempsey continues. Once the revised Project Plan is released it is hoped that opposition to the relocation of the service will diminish.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Grant funds are currently being held by Council in relation to this project. Accurate costs will become available once all quotations are received.

- *Policy or Statutory*

There is no policy or statutory implications arising from this report.

- *Acting Director's Review*

Meetings with Department of Community Services (DoCS) last week were positive in relation to the relocation of the Youth Referral Centre to the PCYC complex.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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