



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

14th November 2006

DSS7	REQUEST FOR INTEREST FREE LOAN FROM MACLEAY VALLEY BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
	FILE: 56 KLB {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

Reporting on a request from the Macleay Valley Baseball and Softball Association for an interest free loan.



DESCRIPTION:

Correspondence has been received from the Macleay Valley Baseball and Softball Association requesting financial assistance to improve the fencing and shelters over the scorers' areas at the baseball diamonds at Kemp Street fields. The improvements are required to reach the standard required to host the National Regional Youth Tournament in January 2007.

An application for grant funding for the project proved unsuccessful. The amount sought is \$3,000 and the Association has offered to repay the loan over three years. Similar loans have been provided in the past to other sporting bodies in the Shire in accordance with Council Policy C21:14 Loans to Sporting Clubs.

Council resolved to support the Association in relation to this event at the October 2006 meeting by allocating \$1,000 to 'Support of State Sporting Titles and committing to pay development application fees in the event the Association proceeded with a proposal to erect a disabled access toilet at the north eastern end of the Kemp Street Sporting fields for their exclusive use.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil.

- ***Social***

The Association feels that by upgrading the facilities other tournaments will be attracted to the Kemp Street fields and will encourage people to participate in this sport.

- *Economic (Financial)*

The National Regional Youth Tournament is expected to attract many visitors to Kempsey Shire from around the country for the week the tournament is being held and possibly longer. It is anticipated that this will have a positive impact on tourism and other businesses in the shire.

The financial implication for Council of the following recommendation would be to allocate \$3,000 for a period of up to 3 years from working funds.

- *Policy or Statutory*

The provision of an interest free loan is in accordance with Council's Policy C21:14 Loans to Sporting Clubs..

- *Director's Review*

Council encourages user groups to be pro-active in providing for the needs of their issues. Council can show its support by making available an interest free loan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Macleay Valley Baseball and Softball Association be offered an interest free loan of \$3,000 over a three year term.

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