



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DELEGATE'S REPORT

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DR1	KEMPSEY SHIRE ART PRIZE
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on proposed changes to the Kempsey Shire Art Prize.



DESCRIPTION:

The Macleay Valley Community Art Gallery Committee has recommended that we change the format of the Kempsey Art Prize commencing in 2007 be changed.

The proposal: -

- That we split the Art Prize categories and spread them over the two years.
- That the actual Kempsey Shire Art Prize category of art would vary with each competition.
- For the 2007 year the category would be "Works on Paper".
- a Senior / Youth Art competition be held in conjunction with Senior's / Youth week (April)
- Aboriginal Art competition be held in conjunction with Naidoc week (recommendation of Naidoc week planning committee).
- Works in Clay / ceramics, Contemporary and Traditional be spread throughout the remainder of 2007 or early in 2008.

This would involve the committee seeking additional sponsorship to ensure availability of suitable prize money without increasing the costs to council.

While the proposal may involve some controversy, discussion with previous conveners of the Kempsey Art Prize feel that this is a good thing and that controversy in Art is always of benefit. Further that the proposal would spread the activity at the Galley and give greater opportunities for artists (across the board) to enter.

The Kempsey Art Prize is well respected throughout the National Art world and this could be viewed as a further development of its evolution.

A brief history of the Kempsey Art Prize is attached at [Appendix A](#)

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- ***Social***

The proposal would spread art competitions across the year rather than have it as a one off every two years. There have been requests to hold the Kempsey Art prize annually rather than the present Bi annually. It would also encourage more people to enter and others to enter more frequently.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

There may be an increase in prize money, however this would be off set by sponsorships. The Galley Committees business plan aims to become self sufficient in three years.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council support the recommendation of the Macleay Valley Community Art Galley Committee regarding the proposed changes to the Kempsey Shire Art Prize.

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