



## NOTICE OF MOTION

18th July 2006

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**KEMPSEY SHOWGROUND**

**FILE: LA2942 CLR JHB**

**{ Folio No. \* }**

I hereby give notice that I intend to move the following motion at the Ordinary meeting of Kempsey Shire Council to be held on Tuesday, 18th July 2006.

***"That Council facilitate a meeting with representatives of the Kempsey Showground Trust, the Regional Manager, Department of Lands and Mr Andrew Stoner, MP Member for Oxley to discuss the future of the Kempsey Showground."***

NOTE:

It is understood the management of Crown Reserves throughout New South Wales will be reviewed over the next two years.

In the meantime consideration may be given to a further broadening of the application process for financial assistance to activities on Crown Reserves from the Caravan Park Levy Committee.

Some years ago the Minister approved the allocation of loan funds to developments on Council controlled Crown Reserves other than caravan parks. Kempsey Council received loan funds for a development at Mattys Flat, South West Rocks.

In respect to the Kempsey Showground several years ago Council was prepared to assume control of the area provided the Department of Lands funded the essential building maintenance costs, however this never eventuated.

### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

***Matters concerning the Heritage listing of the buildings, the area of land which was the subject of landfill and that area affected by flooding will require consideration.***

- *Social*

*The Showground is one of the icons of the Macleay Valley and is a facility which provides for the social and cultural amenity of the community. The membership of the Showground Trust has waned in recent years to such an extent that its continued operation is in jeopardy.*

*The allocation of funding to upgrade the Showground will create employment as well as address and improve the quality of the facility making it more accessible for a range of present and future potential users.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*There are no direct financial impacts upon Council, other than the administrative resources required to facilitate a meeting between the bodies as described in the motion. The cost is estimated at \$100.00.*

*The long term benefit to the community would justify this cost.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil*

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COUNCILLOR J H BOWELL