



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

## **DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

8<sup>th</sup> May 2007

<b>DCCS12</b>	<b>CROC FESTIVAL</b>
	<b>FILE: 689 GB</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the progress of fund-raising in the Kempsey community towards the running of Croc Festival in Kempsey in September 2007.

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

Indigenous Festivals of Australia Pty Ltd, the organiser of Crocfest, sought a commitment of \$35,000 in cash and \$5,000 in kind towards the cost of staging the festival in Kempsey in 2007.

At Council's meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007 it was resolved: -

- "1. That provision be made in the 2007 / 2008 Draft Estimates for the funding commitment of \$20,000 sought to host the Croc Festival in the Kempsey Shire in September 2007.*
- 2. That Council approach the Department of Education through the Social Strategic Planning Committee to encourage the attendance of young people absent from the school system.*
- 3. That Council approach the Kempsey Chamber of Commerce and relevant businesses that have benefited from previous successful festivals for financial support."*

On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007 Council resolved: -

- "1. That Council offer \$20,000 as provided in the draft 2007 / 08 budget.*
- 2. That the Board of Indigenous Festivals of Australia be informed of the relevant content of the Tony Vinson report."*

In addition to the \$20,000 funding allocated by Kempsey Shire Council towards the 2007 Crocfest, additional funds have been pledged from a number of entities inside and outside of Kempsey Shire.

Sources of the additional funding are –

Kempsey Advisory Training Enterprises	\$ 5,000	Pledge confirmed in writing
Area Consultative Committee	\$ 2,000	Pledge confirmed in writing
Centre care JPET Program	\$ 300	Pledge confirmed in writing
Premiers Department	\$ 5,000	Pledge confirmed. To be paid direct to Crocfest
Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council	\$ 2,500	Pledge confirmed
Djigay Centre of Excellence	\$ 1,000	Awaiting confirmation
Local community members	<u>\$ 600</u>	Awaiting confirmation
	<u>\$16,400</u>	

There is a possibility of a further \$2,000 in contributions.

Croc Festival Event Manager Meegan Jones spent the week of 23rd April 2007 in Kempsey conducting community consultation meetings with approximately 50 people, to start the planning for this event which will require around 140 volunteers to proceed smoothly.

#### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

***This large outdoor event will need to be mindful of its impact on the environment with due care to be given to cleaning up and recycling as much as possible.***

- ***Social***

***By supporting this event Kempsey Shire Council will be advancing its goals of community harmony and highlighting children and their need as outlined in the Social Plan.***

- ***Economic (Financial)***

***Council's contribution of \$20,000 has been provided for in the 2007/08 Budget.***

- ***Policy or Statutory***

***No policy implication***

- ***Director's Review***

***Nil***

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the information be noted.**

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