



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

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

8<sup>th</sup> May 2007

<b>DCCS9</b>	<b>GOORI HOME MODIFICATION SERVICES</b>
<b>FILE: 265</b>	<b>GB {Folio No. 345158}</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting that the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) would like Kempsey Shire Council to auspice the Goori Home Modification Services for two years before tendering it to be administered by a community group.

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

Goori Home Modification Service (GHMS) is currently auspiced by Macleay Home Modification and Maintenance Service however they have decided to relinquish the service to DADHC. The Goori service provides home modification and maintenance services to the Aboriginal community of the Kempsey LGA. It is currently funded by DADHC for \$211,677.00 per annum. The office of this service is currently at the Greenhills Centre and generally employs 4 staff.

DADHC's request to find a suitable auspice for up to 2 years is an agreement to the Aboriginal community to give newly formed committees time and opportunity to access governance training to be competitive when the service goes to Expression of Interest (EOI). The acceptance of the funding would be by way of signing a funding agreement similar to the Community Options, Neighbour Aid and Day Program funding that already exists with Kempsey Council. The details of costings for administration, staffing and management come within the scope of the funding and would be determined by Council, however Council would be required to meet the agreed outputs of the service.

Home Modification refers to assistance with modifications and renovations to the homes, gardens and yards of frail older people, younger people with a disability or their carers to help them to cope with a disabling condition and to keep the home in a safe and habitable condition.

### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- *Environmental*

*Nil*

- *Social*

*This service is currently not operating due to the severance from Macleay Home Mods. There is a long waiting list of people dependent on this service for the modification of their homes. Council's acceptance of this role for 2 years will provide an important benefit for the frail aged of the Shire's Aboriginal community and will give Kempsey Shire Council a chance to establish a service with high standards and clear guidelines and outputs to hand on to a community group to manage. It will help consolidate Kempsey Shire Council's image as a Council which cares for its community.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*No financial implications. The service will be fully funded by DADHC and it will be Kempsey Shire Council's decision as to administrative costs to be charged.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil*

- *Director's Review*

*The recommendation is supported.*

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council agree to auspice the Goori Home Modification Service for a period of two (2) years.**

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