



## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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<b>GM3</b>	<b>RESOURCE SHARING</b>		
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### SUMMARY:

To compare MIDGOC and NOROC resource sharing initiatives.

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### DESCRIPTION:

Council, at its meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January resolved:-

*"That Council request NOROC for a review of successes they have achieved with Resource Sharing."*

NOROC is a regional organisation of Councils and covers the coastal area from the Tweed to the Clarence. NOROC has a number of Resource Sharing constituencies including county councils, joint libraries, a waste forum and the Richmond, Tweed Clarence Strategic Alliance.

Resource sharing through the County Council system includes:-

- Rous Water and
- Richmond River County – Flood Control

Joint libraries include

- The Richmond Tweed Regional Library
- Clarence Regional Library
- Richmond Upper Clarence Regional Library

The Richmond Tweed Clarence Strategic Alliance is the general purpose resource sharing arm of NOROC. The alliance has established the following operational networks:-

- ✓ Information Technology Managers
- ✓ Human Resources Managers
- ✓ Risk Managers
- ✓ Procurement Professionals
- ✓ Natural Resources managers
- ✓ Finance Professionals
- ✓ Human Services Professionals
- ✓ Engineering Services Directors

- ✓ Rating Professionals
- ✓ Building surveyor
- ✓ Customer Services Network
- ✓ Records Managers

Achievements to date include: -

- Supporting internal audit by preparing an internal audit discussion paper
- Tackling Skills Shortages – collecting data to better understand the extent of skill shortages of member Councils and suggest ways of over coming the problem
- Group purchase of aerial photos by four Councils
- Regional Records Facility – The Alliance has secured funding from NOROC for research into a regional records storage facility
- Financial Reforms – Financial contracts fall due at the same time to allow for a group tendering for services
- Regional Economic Development Enhanced – A tool has been developed to allow Councils to monitor and measure the various sectors of the economy
- Broadening Broadband in conjunction with South East Queensland Councils
- Aurion Project Human Resources Software – The Alliance has trailed linking the Human Resources software between member Councils.

In respect of MIDGOC member Councils who are also resource sharing outside of the MIDGOC Alliance. In Kempsey Shire's case Council resource shares through: -

- ✓ Mid North Coast Co-operative Library
- ✓ Joint Weight of Loads Group
- ✓ Sharing of Parking Officer with Nambucca
- ✓ Midwaste
- ✓ National Sea Change Taskforce

MIDGOC has established the following Groups: -

- ❖ Procurement / Purchasing
- ❖ Human Resources
- ❖ Works
- ❖ Development Contributions / Section 94
- ❖ IT
- ❖ Planning
- ❖ Occupational Health and Safety
- ❖ GIS

The achievement of each of these groups as at December 2006 is outlined in [\(Appendix B Part 1 – Page K26, Part 2 – Page K30, Part 3 – Page K34\)](#)

At the General Managers Alliance meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May each of the groups gave a progress presentation. The Groups are enthusiastic and wish to proceed to a higher level or resource sharing in many cases. Each group has been requested to submit a list of three to five key initiatives in priority order that the groups wish to undertake.

**REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- *Environmental*

*Nil*

- *Social*

*Nil*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*Nil*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information be noted.

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