



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

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

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<b>DCCS11</b>	<b>KEMPSEY AIRPORT SIX MONTHLY REPORT</b>
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### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on airport activities over the preceding six months

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

A Profit and Loss Account for the period to June 2007 is attached at [\(Appendix P – Page J66\)](#). The net deficit from operations is \$157,883.

### **SECURITY UPGRADES**

Installation of security upgrades has now been completed with the erection of two metre fencing in the terminal and hangar areas, laying of conduit for the installation of security lighting and closed circuit television monitoring, security mesh screens to the secure baggage handling area and the installation of a security sliding gate to access airside of the airport site.

Security light towers and CCTV have been installed and commissioned. Electronic code access control has been installed and will only be commissioned when the Airport hosts an RPT service.



***Security airside gate and trenching for security lighting***

## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

The installation of an electrified fence around the six km perimeter fence has now been completed and is having a positive impact on reducing the number of kangaroos and wallabies within the airport.

## **RPT**

Council submitted a Request for Proposal to Virgin Blue Airlines (VBA) in March 2007 and in the interim we have hosted site inspections from VBA's Ground crews and Operations crews. A further meeting has been held with VBA's Corporate Account Manager and the Mayor and senior Council staff.

At the Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> August 2007 it was resolved:

*"That Council awaits further information from Virgin Blue Airlines prior to developing a feasibility study to implement recommendations within the Airport Investigation Plan."*

Virgin Blue has since advised that they intend to meet with staff from Council in the third week of September. Mr Jim Woodrow Manager Embraer E-Jet Implementation Program and Mr Graham Duff Ground Operations Commercial Manager wish to discuss their requirement and associated cost, opportunities for advertising and signage, terms for lease or rent of the airport terminal and seek introductions to local businesses. Virgin Blue is working toward commencement of new regional services in the period February to May 2007.

There has been no commitment given from Virgin Blue that Kempsey will become a future port for their operations and we are still under consideration as are other regional destinations.

## **AIRPORT AS A COMMUNITY ASSET**

The airport is utilised by the air ambulance for passenger transfers, the Rural Fire Service, and local schools for driver training programs.

During the several fire outbreaks in August the Rural Fire Service used the airport site to refill planes to conduct aerial water bombing of fires in the region between Telegraph Point and Nambucca.



***Aerial water bombing flights refilling at Kempsey Airport***

## **EXPRESS COACH BUILDERS**

Kempsey Airport has made available the use of the runway for vehicle testing for Express Coach Builders from Nambucca. The runway is used periodically to test coaches compliance with ADR 28/01 and ADR 83/00 noise test requirements.

The runway is used for a period of three to four hours for the payment of \$500 plus GST. A written agreement is in place with Express Coaches which clearly denotes conforming procedures and safety measures with an adequate evacuation process similar to previous usage of the strip for young driver training programs.

It is anticipated that this initiative will generate income to supplement the ongoing expenses of the airport.



***Noise testing of coaches***

## **ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION**

The annual Aerodrome Safety Inspection of the airport, in accordance with the requirements set by CASA in Civil Aviation Safety regulation 139.315 is scheduled to be undertaken on 11 & 12 September 2007 by our consultants Aerodrome Operations Support Pty Ltd.

## **AIRPLANE MOVEMENTS**

Details of aeroplane movements at the Kempsey Airport for the period 1 July to 30 June 2007 and comparative figures for the corresponding period in the previous year are provided.

<b>Monthly aeroplane landings</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
July	86	78
August	97	60
September	128	59
October	83	49
November	60	64
December	101	137
January	83	84
February	60	92
March	95	63
April	98	93
May	94	71
June	85	87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1070</b>	<b>937</b>

### ***REPORT IMPLICATIONS:***

- ***Environmental***

***No implications***

- ***Social***

***No implications***

- *Economic (Financial)*

*Covered in body of report*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil implications*

- *Directors Review*

*This half yearly report keeps Council informed in relation to Airport matters.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the information be noted.**

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