



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

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

11<sup>th</sup> September 2007

<b>DCCS12</b>	<b>DONATION REQUEST – KEMPSEY MACLEAY FESTIVAL OF THE FAMILY FILE: 3                      MLB    {Folio No. *}</b>
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### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on a request received from Kempsey Family Support Services to provide financial support to the Kempsey Macleay Festival of the Family.

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

Kempsey Family Support Services, in association with a number of other services is organising a parenting conference to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

The conference combines ideas on different aspects of the parenting / caring experience across Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultures on Day 1, with the conclusion of the day with a Family Fun Night.

On Day 2, Conference Workshops will be held to provide a forum where parents, carers and professionals can reassess traditional models, explore new ideas and practices for the challenges of child care today.

Following the conclusion of the conference all interested agencies in attendance will present a variety of parent education programs. This would be targeted at parents / carers who fall within the target range of the agency involved eg: parenting newborns, parenting adolescents, parenting for fathers etc.

Kempsey Family Support Services is seeking sponsorship of \$5,000 from Council to facilitate the conference. This sponsorship was referred to Council's Social Strategic Planning Committee meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007 where it was resolved:

*"That a grant / donation of \$5000 be granted to the staging of the Kempsey Macleay Festival of the Family."*

Under Section 356 of the Local Government Act, Council may *"in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.*

*The intent of that section is to ensure that prior to making a decision to use community resources and/or expend public money in a form of financial and other assistance to persons, councils should comply with the requirements that are designed to promote better accountability and transparency in relation to council decision making processes."*

Accordingly this request for financial assistance is forwarded to Council for determination.

**REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

***Nil***

- ***Social***

***The Social Implications of this report are that Children and Youth are two (2) identified target groups within Kempsey Shire Council Social Plan. It is anticipated that the conference will deliver positive outcomes for parents / carers in our community. I***

- ***Economic (Financial)***

***A donation of \$5,000 towards the Festival of the Family could be sourced from the Social Strategic Planning Committee Budget.***

***As at the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2007, \$10,541.34 is remaining available within this budget with its primary purpose being the implementation of the Social Plan.***

- ***Policy or Statutory***

***Nil***

- ***Director's Review***

***Council at its 14<sup>th</sup> August 2007 meeting resolved to undertake a full review of its donations policy at the November 2007 meeting, with implementation to be effective as from the 2008/09 year.***

***Requests for one-off donations for the 2007/08 year are to be considered by Council.***

***Whilst the request in this instance was for \$5,000 I am of the opinion that a lesser amount of \$2,000 would be more in line with Council's budgetary limitations.***

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That a donation of \$2,000 is given to Kempsey Family Support Services to host the Kempsey Macleay Festival of the Family.**

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