



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

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

11<sup>th</sup> September 2007

<b>DCCS13</b>	<b>YOUTH INFORMATION AND REFERRAL PROJECT</b>
<b>FILE: 343</b>	<b>GJH {Folio No. *} }</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the Youth Information and Referral Project currently being delivered by Kempsey PCYC

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

The Youth Information and Referral Centre project was initiated in 2003 to offer young people the opportunity of a "one stop shop" catering to the education, welfare, health and information needs of young people in our community. This project was determined in consultation with service providers, the youth population and other state government bodies.

As a result Council was provided with a grant of \$70,000 from the NSW Premiers Department through the Community Solutions Project Funds to develop the project.

The location for the primary facility was initially proposed for the premises previously used by the Baby Health Care Centre in Memorial Avenue Kempsey. An additional area for education services was also identified under the nearby swimming pool grandstand.

An inspection by Council's OH&S Manager of the area under the swimming pool grandstand was arranged. This inspection resulted in the identification of safety issues that needed to be addressed. Council proactively commenced building renovations in 2005/06 to comply with OH&S requirements.

During this process an expenditure of \$8,947.15 was incurred. Expenditure of these funds for these purposes complied with the NSW Premiers Department funding guidelines and was committed with the Departments knowledge. The funding body is not seeking recovery of these funds.

The works undertaken included the installation of telephone lines, new doors on the eastern and northern ends, painting and electrical work, hence complying with revised safety requirements. This improved Council's asset and provides benefits for future use.

The area under the grandstand had been allocated to the Macleay Valley Canoe Club on the basis of a longstanding arrangement where the Canoe Club had provided the initial funding to enclose and fit out.

The Canoe Club has been contacted as to their future requirements and Council is currently awaiting a response.

Following the decision by Council not to proceed with the Memorial Avenue premises, the residual of the grant funds (\$61,052.85) was allocated to PCYC for the engagement of two (2) part time Youth Information Referral Officers.

The PCYC Club Manager has submitted a project report outlining the activities of the officers in supporting youth and related programs. [\(Appendix Q – Page J68\)](#).

**REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- *Environmental*

*Nil*

- *Social*

*Nil*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*Nil*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil*

- *Director's Review*

*The report is submitted for the information of Councillors.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the information be noted.**

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