



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

11th September 2007

DCCS17 SUPP.	NSW ANNUAL ABORIGINAL KNOCKOUT CARNIVAL, KEMPSEY
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the refusal of an event management request from the NSW Aboriginal and Rugby League and Sports Inc to conduct the NSW Annual Aboriginal Knockout Carnival.

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In April 2007, Council received an application from the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League and Sports Inc for the staging of the Annual NSW Aboriginal Knockout Carnival in Kempsey from the 28th September to 30th September 2007.

Since this time, Council staffs have been working with the organisers of the carnival to ensure that the requirements to hold an event on Council owned and control lands are met.

On the 6th August 2007, a letter was forwarded to the organisers requesting that a number of conditions be forwarded to Council prior to Friday, 7th September 2007, so that a determination could be made relating to the event application.

The outstanding matters at that stage that still required to be finalised included: -

- ◆ Traffic Management Plan,
- ◆ Details of food outlets,
- ◆ Amusements rides,
- ◆ Contingency plans,
- ◆ Public liability insurance,
- ◆ Number and type of structures to be erected and
- ◆ Waste services.

A meeting was held on Monday, 10th September 2007, between the Mayor, staff and the Manager of Brindabella (food services) to determine if the full requirements of the event had been met by the organisers.

The review found that whilst some requested information had been provided, it was incomplete, and not of a sufficient quality to meet Council and our insurer's requirements.

There was insufficient information or supporting document for approval of the proposed traffic arrangements including Traffic specific contingency plans.

Also, the NSW Police Service is not willing to sign off on the Traffic Management Plan.

The contingency plan which was provided for the event also did not have sufficient details as to how they would control all aspects of the event should an adverse issue or weather occur at the venue.

The event organisers have been notified of this outcome.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

There are no environmental implications from this report.

- ***Social***

The social implications from this report is that it may be seen within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community that Council in the refusal of this event is being discriminatory and may set back the gains made through the role of the Aboriginal Liaison Officer position.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

The are economic implications from this report are that a large event will no longer be coming to the Kempsey Shire, and its associated income stream.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

The application for the event was assessed in accordance with Council's Policy on Events Management.

- ***Director's Review***

Council's recommendation of the 14th August 2007 provided that:-

"That subject to the organising committee providing the required information, including those items outlined in the Directors Review [of the 14th August 2007], by 7th September 2007, Council:-

- a) agree to place an alcohol prohibition order on Verge 1, 2 and 3 sports fields for the period 5am Friday, 28th September to 12 midnight Monday, 1st October.***
- b) Provide sports fields free of charge***
- c) Apply charges to recover all other costs."***

The event organisers have not fulfilled the requirements for information.

Council should indicate its willingness to work towards having the event in Kempsey in 2008.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council advise the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League and Sports Inc. that:-

- a) as the requirements of Council's resolution of 14th August 2007 have not been satisfactorily complied with, the application for the Aboriginal Knockout Carnival on 28th to 30th September 2007 be refused.
- b) Council is willing to work with the organising committee in preparation for the event to be held in the 2008 year.

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