



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

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DCCS6	COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION PLAN 2005 – 2008 UPDATE FILE: 761 MLB {Folio No. *}
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the progress of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2005 ~ 2008

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BACKGROUND:

In December 2004, Council adopted the 2005 ~ 2008 Crime Prevention Plan.

This plan sets out strategies that Council in partnership with other agencies will undertake to address community safety and crime prevention issues.

This Plan was reviewed and revised in late 2006 and the revised Plan was adopted in January 2007.

The Plan was forwarded to the Attorney General's Department for endorsement as a Safer Community Compact. On Tuesday, 21st August 2007, Council staff received advice from the Department that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan had been endorsed.

As a result Council has now received a grant for \$40,474 for the Protecting Your Home from Intruders Program. This program aims to assist some 200 homeowners who have been the victim of repeat break and enters, and will be implemented in conjunction with the Police.

Included in the grant are funds for a Part-time three (3) day per week Crime Prevention Officer who will oversee the program and assist in implementing other actions contained with the Plan.

The Progress report on the implementation of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan is attached at [\(Appendix L Part 1, Part 2 – Page J19\)](#).

There are 62 objectives noted in the plan, 33 are in progress and 10 have been completed. Many of the objectives contained within the plan are ongoing and require liaison with external service providers.

With the recruitment of a Crime Prevention Officer greater focus in achieving outcomes of the Plan will be realised.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

The Social Implications of this report is that Community Safety and Crime Prevention issues are being addressed. Council is taking a proactive approach in conjunction with other agencies to address these issues.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Council's 2007/2008 Budget has an allocation budget of \$10,000 to address the strategies identified within the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan and Social Plan. A grant of \$40,474 has been received for the "Protecting Your Home from Intruders" Program.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *Director's Review*

The Attorney General's concurrence of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan will enable Council to access more grant funding opportunities in relation to crime prevention. The appointment of a part-time Crime Prevention Officer will assist Council with implementation of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the progress report be noted.

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