



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the progress of the implementation of the Kempsey Shire Council 2004 ~ 2009 Social Plan

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BACKGROUND

The NSW Department of Local Government in their Social Planning and Reporting Guidelines state:

“Social / Community planning is an important way of ensuring that Councils stay focused on addressing the needs and aspirations of their local communities in an efficient, fair and equitable manner. All of Council’s activities have social implications.”

The Local Government (General) Regulation 1999 requires all Councils in NSW to develop a Social Plan at least every five (5) years, and to review it annually in conjunction with Council’s Management Plan.

Council staff in conjunction with the Social Strategic Planning Committee (SSPC) and various working parties are responsible for the implementation of the Social Plan.

The Progress report on the implementation of the Social Plan objectives is attached at [\(Appendix M Part 1, Part 2, Part 3 – Page J36\)](#).

The Social Plan identifies 84 objectives across a broad range of community aims, 73 of these objectives have been commenced with 29 completed.

In accordance with Council’s resolution of the 13th February 2007: -

“That the Social Plan be reviewed with a view to making it more realistic and more achievable prior to it being included in the overall Strategic Plan”, a review of Council’s Social Plan and working party effectiveness is currently being undertaken.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

The Social Plan is a strategic document that provides platforms for whole of community development. It is the vehicle where by Council engages a Whole of Government approach to community well being, growth and development.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Council in 2007 / 2008 has allocated a budget of \$13,000 to implement the strategies identified within the Social Plan.

- *Policy or Statutory*

It is a statutory requirement under the Local Government (General) Amendment (Community and Social Plans) Regulation 1998 that the social plan is developed and reported to Council on a regular basis.

- *Director's Review*

A report on the implementation of the Social Plan is provided to Council on a bi-annual basis. The review of the current Social Plan has commenced.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the progress report be noted.

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