



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

## **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT**

11<sup>th</sup> September 2007

**DSS5**

**PROVISION OF BEACH INSPECTORS**

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### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the provision of surf lifesaving services for a period of three years under contract

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

Surf Life Saving Services Pty Ltd, a commercial arm of Surf Life Saving NSW, has been providing Council since 2003 with professional services for lifeguard operations for Grassy Head Beach, Horseshoe Bay Beach and Main Beach, South West Rocks, Hat Head Beach and Crescent Head Beach.

Services that have been provided encompass the entire scope of Lifeguard Operations and address the key issues of supervision, risk management, engagement, training and equipment. It includes the employment of a lifeguard supervisor as well as lifeguards at each of the beaches. In addition, by engaging Surf Life Saving Services Pty Ltd, Council is assured of a totally professional service that minimises Council's public liability risk.

Surf Life Saving Services are engaged for the Christmas, Easter Holiday and September / October periods. The service provided is of a high standard and has received favourable comments.

Surf Life Saving Services has provided a quotation to provide life saving services to Council for the September / October, Christmas and Easter holiday periods for the next three years, commencing in late September 2007 and ending in April 2010 is \$344,850. The payment arrangements would be broken into yearly payments incorporating three periodical payments.

The budget provided for beach bathing for 2007 / 2008 is \$109,000, 2008 / 2009 is \$114,850 and 2009 / 2010 is \$121,000.

As the proposed contract amount is approximately \$344,850, depending on CPI increases, tenders would need to be invited under Council's Purchasing of Goods and Services policy (M11:17). This requirement is based on Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993. However Part 3 of Section 55 states that:

*"This section does not apply to the following contracts:*

- *A contract where, because of extenuating circumstances, remoteness of locality or the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers, a council decides by resolution (which states the reasons for the decision) that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders;"*

Surf Life Saving Services Pty Ltd is the only organisation within NSW that carry out a complete life saving package required for Council's Life Saving operations. They are a commercial arm of Surf Life Saving NSW and are committed to utilizing local surf lifesavers whenever possible. They ensure that the lifeguards have the required qualifications and competencies to complete the task. A check of the few councils that have called tenders such as Shoalhaven, Port Stephens, and Tweed Council reveals that they only received the one tender being that from Surf Life Saving Services Pty Ltd. The councils who currently engage Surf Life Saving Services Pty Ltd include:

- Nambucca
- Richmond
- Ballina
- Byron Bay
- Tweed
- Greater Taree
- Great Lakes
- Port Stephens
- Shoalhaven
- Eurobadalla
- Clarence Valley
- Bellingen
- Pittwater

#### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

***Nil***

- ***Social***

***The provision of professional lifeguards ensures the community is provided with safe bathing facilities at the popular bathing areas within the Shire.***

- ***Economic (Financial)***

***An amount of \$344,850 has been provided in the budget over the next 3 years for beach bathing.***

- ***Policy or Statutory***

***The acceptance of the quotation by Surf Life Saving Services Pty Ltd is in line with the provisions of Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993.***

- ***Director's Review***

*There seems to be no benefit in calling tenders for this service, due to the unavailability of competitive tenderers, but there is a benefit in securing a long-term service contract.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That tenders not be called for the provision of life saving services due to the unavailability of competitive tenderers.
2. That Surf Life Saving Services Pty Ltd be engaged to provide lifeguard services from September 2007 until April 2010 in the amount of \$344,850.
3. That Council's seal be affixed to the agreement.

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