



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

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

11<sup>th</sup> December 2007

**DCCS8    RESPONSE FROM LINDA BURNEY – MINISTER FOR YOUTH,  
FAIR TRADING AND VOLUNTEERING REGARDING PCYC  
FILE: 343        KEO        {Folio No. \*}**

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the written response from the Minister for Youth, Fair Trading and Volunteering, Linda Burney MP concerning the Kempsey PCYC and Youth Programs

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### **BACKGROUND**

Following the Ministers visit to Kempsey on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2007 a report was submitted to the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007 Council meeting outlining details of the Council's discussions with the Minister.

At the Council meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007 Council resolved:-

*"That the Minister for Youth Linda Burney MP be requested to support the provision of grant funds to:*

- *Allow the operation of the Kempsey PCYC on a seven (7) day basis (\$69,000 recurrent)*
- *Allow the purchase of an appropriate vehicle to transport youth to and from the Kempsey PCYC and to selected functions throughout the state and beyond if necessary*
- *Allow the preparation and implementation of a youth program similar to Chance on Main, adopted by the Glenorchy Council, Tasmania".*

The Minister has provided the following response:-

*"The NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) has committed renewable funding in 2007/08 for two Youth Services in Kempsey: Kempsey Youth Service (\$75,897) and Kempsey Youth Support Worker (\$87,696). As well DoCS funds Kempsey Aboriginal School Holiday Activities program (\$19,546) for a variety of activities (four times a year) to Aboriginal Youth aged up to 18 years, delivered in conjunction with other youth services, non Government agencies and the community. Regrettably the Department has no unallocated funding currently available to assist Kempsey PCYC.*

*I understand that the DoCS, Communities Division, Northern Region, is currently preparing a Mid North Coast Youth plan. This plan aims to ensure a strategic approach to the provision of youth services and planning for any future youth funding to the area".*

**REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

***Nil***

- ***Social***

***DoCS currently provide \$183,139 in funding to youth services and activities within the Macleay Valley. There are no additional funds available to provide further assistance to the PCYC.***

***Council is participating in the development of the Mid North Coast Youth Plan, and will be developing programs and activities to support youth in the Macleay Valley.***

- ***Economic (Financial)***

***Nil***

- ***Policy or Statutory***

***Nil***

- ***Director's Review***

***The DoCS provide funds for youth services and programs in the Kempsey Shire. The Council will work with the Department in developing the Mid North Coast Youth Plan and will seek to identify activities and programs to attract additional funds.***

***Funding for the Youth Information and Referral Centre project (\$70,000 provided by the Premiers Department) will be exhausted by mid 2008. No further funding has been indicated at this stage. The PCYC have been requested to prepare information for an appropriate submission.***

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the information be noted.
2. That Council writes to Kempsey PCYC advising them on the Ministers response.

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**G B Snape**  
**DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**