



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

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

11<sup>th</sup> December 2007

<b>DCCS9</b>	<b>REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – MACLEAY AND HOLIDAY COAST INDOOR BOWLS ASSOCIATION INC.</b>
<b>FILE: 25</b>	<b>JMC {Folio No. *}</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on a request received from Macleay and Holiday Coast Indoor Bowls Association Inc to assist with the NSW Country Indoor Bowls Titles to be held in Kempsey in June 2008.

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

The following letter has been received by the Mayor:-

*"The NSW Country Indoor Bowls Titles will be held at Melville High School in Kempsey the long weekend, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2008.*

*I have been asked to write you and we would considerate a great honour if you would officially open the games on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at 8.34 am. The games will then commence at 9.00 am.*

*There will be seven districts including the Macleay and Holiday Coast District attending; they will be travelling from Shoalhaven, Lismore, Cowra and Young, this will bring over 200 people to our district.*

*We feel this is a great opportunity to promote our district and wish to enquire if there would be any promotional money, brochures, etc available to our association which would assist us with the running and promotion of the games."*

### **Department of Local Governments Ruling on Donations**

Under Section 356 of the Local Government Act, Council may "in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.

*The intent of that section is to ensure that prior to making a decision to use community resources and/or expend public money in a form of financial and other assistance to persons, councils should comply with the requirements that are designed to promote better accountability and transparency in relation to council decision making processes."*

Accordingly this request for assistance is forwarded to Council for determination.

**REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

*There are no environmental implications from this report.*

- ***Social***

*Supporting sporting organisations of the Macleay Valley is fundamental to community development and social engagement. Sporting events promote the Macleay Valley, its residents and businesses.*

- ***Economic (Financial)***

*The financial implications of this report are in kind contributions through the services of the Visitor Information Centre, in the provision of brochures, postage and handling.*

- ***Policy or Statutory***

*This report has been forwarded to Council in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act.*

- ***Director's Review***

*Sporting events have positive impacts for the general community. Economic and social benefits are achieved through these events and present Council with an opportunity to promote the Macleay Valley.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Council's Visitor Information Centre contact the organisers to assist with posting of information packages to visitors with the offer to book accommodation through their services.
2. That the Mayor or representative officially opens the games on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at 8.45 am.
3. That the Mayor offers to advertise / promote the Titles through the Mayoral Column.
4. That the Association be advised that Council is unable to provide a monetary contribution on this occasion.

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