KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

12th June 2007

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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the Annual Report of Arts Mid North Coast Inc. for the year January – December 2006

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DESCRIPTION:

Arts Mid North Coast (MNC) receives a core operating grant from the State Government, complemented by a financial contribution from each of the seven local governments in the region. Kempsey Shire Council's budget allocation for the 2006 - 2007 year was $5,462.

Over the 2006 calendar year, Arts MNC has been associated with over 160 local and regional projects and has also been involved in the attraction of over $865,000 for arts and cultural development in the region. Activities in the Kempsey Shire are listed at ***(Appendix C – Page J3)***. Arts MNC has been instrumental in the increasing recognition of the arts sector as a significant contributor to the economy of the Mid North Coast.

Richard Holloway the Regional Arts Development Officer has been a significant factor in the success of the organisation. He regularly addresses all the constituent councils of the region and hopes to address KSC within the next 10 months, with a more detailed report of his activities in the Shire.

Councillor Gribbin is the Kempsey Shire Council delegate to the Board of Arts MNC. A copy of the President's Report is attached at ***(Appendix D – Page J4)***. A full copy of the Arts Mid North Coast Inc. Annual Report for January – December 2006 is available for perusal from Community & Lifestyle Services upon request.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

No environmental implications.

- ***Social***

The arts form an important part of the cultural life of our community. Kempsey Shire Council has the means of encouraging the practice of the arts in our shire in many ways and supporting Arts MNC is one of them.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

Financial support for Arts MNC is part of the budget.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

No policy implications

- ***Director's Review***

The recommendation is supported.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be noted.

2. That Richard Holloway, the Regional Arts Development Officer, for Arts Mid North Coast be invited to address Kempsey Shire Council when the next report is prepared.

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