



KEMPSEY  
Shire Council

## DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

13<sup>th</sup> February 2007

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### SUMMARY:

Reporting on previous proposals for an indoor sports centre and current proposal for a youth sports institute.

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### DESCRIPTION:

Council at its meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006 resolved –

*“That previous information on an indoor sports centre be sourced and forwarded to Councillors and a further report on this matter be considered at the February 2007 Council Meeting.”*

### Indoor Sports Centre

Proposals for an indoor sports centre have been raised on numerous occasions over many years in the past. The Melville High School hall complex (Stadium plus 2 activity rooms) which was built in 1986 was the result of one attempt to provide a solution.

Set out hereunder is a summary of the activity relating to the most recent proposal for an indoor sports centre –

**8 July 2003** – Council resolved -

*“That the General Manager report on the feasibility of using Section 94 funds accumulated throughout the Shire for the establishment of an Indoor Stadium in Kempsey which would be available for the benefit of all Shire Ratepayers and residents. That the Department of Sport and Recreation be requested to allocate funding to allow a consultant to be engaged to investigate a suitable site for an Indoor Stadium and to prepare a draft layout for community consultation.”*

**25 July 2003** – Letter to Macleay Valley Multipurpose Centre Committee advised that:

- Council supported the establishment of an Indoor Stadium,
- that it was included in the Section 94 Contribution Plan for Outdoor Recreation
- that Section 94 funds could not be provided if the Showground site was selected for such a facility, as such funds cannot be expended

on facilities that are not on land owned or managed by Council, and

- the Showground is a Crown Reserve managed by a Trust.

**12 August 2003** – a report was submitted to Council providing information about Section 94 funds that stated that the indoor stadium was listed in the approved works in the Section 94 Plan for Outdoor recreation adopted by Council in 2001. The total cost of the listed district facilities embellishments was \$2,929,000 (the multi function sports facility had been allocated \$1.5 million) whilst the total funds available in district Section 94 funds as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003 was \$161,701.68. It was noted that Council may need to give consideration to the other projects in the program before allocating all of the funds. It was noted that District Section 94 funds need to be expended on Capital Works and not investigations.

The multi function sports facility is not included in the current three year budget.

**24 May 2004** – extract from report of Macleay District Sports Council stated that a multi-purpose indoor stadium containing two basketball/netball courts, two indoor heated pools (25m and 10m), an aerobics/gymnasium space and an upgraded existing 25m pool, had been constructed at Picton at a cost of approximately \$5 million.

**June 2004** – Kempsey Showground Draft Plan of Management. The Plan included a proposal to develop a multi-purpose community centre on the Showground site. This was envisaged to include:

- An indoor sports stadium catering for basketball, netball, volleyball, tennis, gymnastics, martial arts, table tennis, boxing, dancing etc.
- An indoor 25 metre heated swimming pool
- An exhibition area for Kempsey Show
- A civic centre for balls, concerts, receptions.

Note: During recent discussions Ruth Waite (Kempsey Basketball – Treasurer) commented that the Department Sport and Recreation would be unlikely to consider funding for this type of project in Kempsey because of the Lismore facility that is supposed to service the whole of the north coast.

Council's Social Plan has a Goal of "Establish an indoor/multipurpose facility" with Council to "lead a project to investigate options and funding sources" and report on options to achieve the goal.

This options report has been assigned a timeframe of "by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009". No specific resources have been allocated.

Progress to date is that whilst the report has not been prepared, the Macleay Valley Youth Advisory Council has listed it as an agenda item for its next meeting. Difficulties are being experienced in the identification of a suitable land parcel of between 3 / 4 acres for this development.

## Youth Sports Institute

At Council's meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007 Councillor Bowell sought to rescind the abovementioned motion relating to an indoor sports centre and have it replaced with –

"1. That Council facilitate a meeting of interested stakeholders to consider the preparation of an appropriate Business Plan for the establishment of a Youth Sports Institute for Kempsey Shire.

2. That an approach be made to the –

- Department of State and Regional Development;
- Department of Sport and Recreation; and
- NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs

*With a request that a financial contribution be made towards the cost of the preparation of the Business Plan."*

The rescission motion was lost.

The proposal for a Youth Sports Institute does not rely upon the provision of "bricks and mortar" infrastructure, but rather than establishment of training, education, administration, and the other support facilities required for the development of youth sport.

#### REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

*Nil*

- *Social*

*Council's Social Plan, and the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan both have strategies which target the promotion and support of youth activities.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*The cost of an Indoor Sports Centre is dependant upon the site and scale of the facility.*

*The cost of convening a meeting of interested stakeholders to consider the proposal for a Youth Sports Institute would be approximately \$200.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil*

- *Director's Review*

*As per Report.*

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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