



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

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

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<b>DCCS5</b>	<b>REPORT ON LIBRARY BENCHMARKING</b>
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### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the results of benchmarking of Kempsey Library services.



Kempsey Library benchmarks its costs and outputs with those of Kiama and Eurobodalla as well as state averages. In the 2004/2005 comparative statistics just released, Kempsey Library's expenditure is slightly below the state average and outputs are slightly above state average.

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Kiama and Eurobodalla libraries were chosen for benchmarking as they are both located in coastal communities and are comparable in size. Eurobodalla population is slightly larger than Kempsey's (35,902) and Kiama slightly smaller (20,176). Public Library Statistics 2004/05 compiled by Public Library Services in New South Wales (a department of the State Library) contains over 80 pages of statistics, so this report just touches on the available information.

#### Library materials per capita:

Eurobodalla	2.59
Kempsey	2.35
Kiama	2.45
NSW average	2.46

#### Circulation per capita:

Eurobodalla	8.17
Kempsey	7.44
Kiama	6.93
NSW average	6.85

#### Expenditure per capita:

Eurobodalla	\$38.43
Kempsey	\$29.57
Kiama	\$84.02 (new library building)
NSW average	\$42.73

### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

***Nil***

- *Social*

*The library continues to provide a quality service to its community, comparable and in some cases superior to other services of comparable size.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*Nil*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil*

- *Director's Review*

*The recommendation is supported.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**For the information of Council.**

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