



KEMPSEY  
Shire Council

## DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

13<sup>th</sup> February 2007

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### SUMMARY:

Reporting on the progress of the implementation of the Kempsey Shire Council 2004 - 2009 Social Plan.

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### DESCRIPTION:

The NSW Department of Local Government in their Social Planning and Reporting Guidelines state:

*"Social / Community planning is an important way of ensuring that Councils stay focused on addressing the needs and aspirations of their local communities in an efficient, fair and equitable manner. All of Council's activities have social implications."*

The Local Government (General) Regulation 1999 requires all Councils in NSW to develop a Social Plan at least every five (5) years, and to review it annually in conjunction with Council's Management Plan.

As Council reviews its Management Plan on a quarterly basis, the Social Plan is also being reviewed within this timeframe.

The Progress report on the implementation of the Social Plan is attached at [Appendix E](#).

Council staff members in conjunction with the various working parties identified under the Social Strategic Planning Committee (SSPC) are undertaking the implementation of the Social Plan.

### REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

*There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.*

- *Social*

*As mentioned in the body of the report Social Planning is an important way of ensuring that Councils stay focused on addressing the needs and aspirations of their local communities.*

*The Social Plan outlines eight (8) key target groups that have expressed concerns and the strategies that will be utilised to address these concerns.*

*Failure to address these strategies will result in a decrease in social cohesion and a greater strain on limited resources of Council and other agencies within the community.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*The Economic impact of this report is that Council in 2006 / 2007 has a budget of \$12,000 to address the strategies identified within the Social Plan.*

*Provision was made in the 2006/07 Budget for the employment of a Social Planner, however such employment was subject to obtaining grant funding. The position has not been filled as grant funding has not yet been obtained.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*It is a statutory requirement under the Local Government (General) Amendment (Community and Social Plans) Regulation 1998 that the social plan is developed and reported to Council on a regular basis.*

- *Director's Review*

*Council's Social Strategic Planning Committee has the responsibility for oversight of the Social Plan. However, the Committee has not held a meeting since 15<sup>th</sup> February 2006 due to lack of a quorum. The Committee is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007.*

*The Social Plan contains some 120 actions, and implementation of these various actions is proceeding in accordance with resource availability. As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 approximately 80% of the objectives due for completion have been actually completed or actioned.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the progress report be noted.**

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