



DELEGATE'S REPORT

13th February 2007

DR1	KEMPSEY MEDICAL SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIPS
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the selection of students to be awarded Scholarships to assist during the initial year of University courses.

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DESCRIPTION:

The two Scholarships, each of \$6,750, total of \$13,500 were made possible by an allocation of funds by Council and the support of Kempsey, Kempsey West and South West Rocks Rotary Clubs and Macleay River Co-operative IGA Supermarket Kempsey.

Interviews of the applicants were carried out on 12th January 2007 and the successful students selected are –

Allison Beaumont – Bachelor of Medicine / Surgery

Zachariah Fuller – Bachelor of Science (Biomedical)

Whilst both Zachariah and Allison were both Year 12 students in 2006, Zachariah is the first male student to be successful.

Allison and Zachariah have been presented each with a cheque for \$4,500 at the Australia Day celebrations held at Riverside Park.

After being awarded, the Medical Sciences Scholarship Allison Beaumont was fortunate to receive an additional scholarship for a period of four (4) years. Because of this additional scholarship, Allison has decided to relinquish her scholarship and allow for it to be reallocated.

The new successful student selected is Lauren Watts who will commence studies on Monday, 12th February 2007 for a Bachelor of Physiotherapy.

It is proposed to present Lauren's cheque for \$4,500 at morning tea of today. This is to be accepted by Lauren's sister Nicole on her behalf.

The allocation of funding for this purpose has been well received within the area of school education and ongoing funding support is most desirable.

It is intended to visit the three Kempsey High Schools in the near future to acquaint the current Year 12 students of the availability of these Scholarships.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil.

- *Social*

There are strong benefits in supporting local students in medical sciences studies as this support may encourage the students with their expertise to return to a country area.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Funds have been provided by Council and the community.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1 That a letter of appreciation be forwarded to the Rotary Clubs of Kempsey West, Kempsey and South West Rocks and IGA Supermarket Kempsey for their support with the 2007 Scholarships for Medical Sciences.
- 2 That the Rotary Clubs of Kempsey West, Kempsey and South West Rocks together with the Macleay Co-operative IGA Supermarket Kempsey be invited to confirm their ongoing funding support for the 2008 Scholarships for Medical Sciences Scholarships.

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COUNCILLOR J H BOWELL