



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

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

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<b>DCCS9</b>	<b>KEMPSEY AIRPORT SIX MONTHLY REPORT</b>
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### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on airport activities over the preceding six months

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

A Profit and Loss Account for the period to December 2006 is attached at [\(Appendix E – Page J7\)](#).

The deficit from Airport operations is estimated at \$141,473 for the year 2006/07, and after allowing for Capital Movements the overall deficit is \$149,018.

### **STAFF TRAINING**

Two KSC staff members attended a two day training course to update from Certificate I to Certificate II in Security Operations. These qualifications are required to conform to requirements of the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DoTARS) airport security needs. In the coming year DoTARS will be offering training for additional staff in this course should the need arise. The training qualifies staff to conduct hand wand metal detecting and these procedures will only be implemented when the Federal Government advises of a security alert and is only required for airports that have a Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) service.

### **SECURITY UPGRADES**

Council has previously gained agreement from the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) for our Aviation Transport Security Program which identified the required security measures to meet new heightened security guidelines. These measures were required when we were working toward Big Sky Express commencing an RPT service and remain current should we proceed to make a submission to Virgin Blue airlines.

Installation of security upgrades is progressing well with the erection of two metre fencing in the terminal and hangar areas, laying of conduit for the installation of security lighting and closed circuit television monitoring,

security mesh screens to the secure baggage handling area and the installation of a security sliding gate to access airside of the airport site.

Security light towers will be installed and commissioned in the coming weeks and CCTV and electronic code access control will be installed to finalise the federally funded security upgrade works.



## **Security airside gate and trenching for security lighting**

### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

The installation of an electrified fence around the six km perimeter fence has now been completed and is having a positive impact on reducing the number of kangaroos and wallabies within the airport.

### **RPT**

Despite all efforts to attract Big Sky Express to provide a Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) service to Kempsey this will not eventuate. Council had earlier sent a letter introducing Kempsey as a future site for Virgin Blue to consider.

Virgin Blue have forwarded to Council a 'Request for Proposal' (RFP) which invites us to provide details of our airports capabilities and future developments planned and expected. The RFP also requests information on current scheduled services, passenger movements, runway capacity issues, curfews, landside and airside facilities, terminal and luggage facilities as well as ground handling facilities. Virgin Blue is also requesting details of all charges and services provided in exchange for such charges.

A meeting of the previous Airport Committee and key airport stakeholders is scheduled to be held on 7 March 2007 to utilise the knowledge and expertise of these people in the formulation of our submission to Virgin Blue.

Our RFP was required by Virgin Blue on 12 March 2007 but we have been granted an extension to 19 March to allow Council to fully consider the content of our proposal for our mutual benefit. Virgin Blue's Ground Operations Manager has advised that although the documents they provided Council are marked confidential it would be appropriate to discuss the contents with our previous airport committee and key stakeholders in the airport.

An Extraordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for 8 March 2007 to discuss Council's submission to Virgin Blue.

## **FUTURE USES OF AIRPORT LANDS**

Council's MDAP Committee provided a budget to engage AirBiz Australia to prepare a Strategic Plan for the future of the airport.

The Economic Development Manager advertised seeking Expressions of Interest for a Project Manager to drive the actions identified within the Strategic document for the airport. Only one submission was received and viewed as unfavourable. The MDAP Committee has since resolved to undertake the project internally and accordingly work will commence once a project officer has been appointed.

## **ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION**

The annual Aerodrome Safety Inspection of the airport, in accordance with the requirements set by CASA in Civil Aviation Safety regulation 139.315 was conducted on 12 September 2006 by our consultants Aerodrome Operations Support Pty Ltd. The consultant commented in his report that "The aerodrome facilities and aerodrome equipment meet the applicable standards for a registered aerodrome."

## **AIRPLANE MOVEMENTS**

Details of aeroplane movements at the Kempsey Airport for the period 1 July to 31 December 2006 and comparative figures for the corresponding period in the previous year are provided.

<b>Monthly aeroplane landings</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
July	86	80
August	97	64
September	128	60
October	83	50
November	50	64
December	101	137
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>455</b>

## **APRON PARKING**

Currently the airport has five aeroplanes utilising the tie down facilities at the airport. Three of these planes tie down on the bitumen apron and two use the grass tie down area.

## **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- *Environmental*

*No implications*

- *Social*

*No implications*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*No implications*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil implications*

- *Directors Review*

*This half yearly report keeps Council informed in relation to Airport matters.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the information be noted.**

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