



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

13th November 2007

DCCS10	DONATION REQUEST – INDIGENOUS HIP HOP PROJECT	FILE: 3 (359363)	MLB {Folio No. *}
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on a request received from Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service (AMS) and Beyond Blue for cash and in-kind support for the staging of Deadly Styles in December 2007.

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DESCRIPTION:

From the 10th to 14th December 2007, Durri AMS in conjunction with Beyond Blue and other community partners will be staging the Indigenous Hip Hop Project (IHHP) – Deadly Styles in Kempsey.

IHHP celebrates the fusion of traditional Indigenous culture and hip hop, facilitating workshops that enhance self confidence, community strength and develop performance skills leading up to an event with performance, community health and mental health outcomes.

Deadly Styles will include workshops in schools and community centres in the Kempsey area, with the project seeking to engage school children and those disconnected from the education system between the ages of 10 and 20 years.

Deadly Styles is a Beyond Blue pilot project which will be documented and evaluated with a vision of being replicated nation-wide in 2008. Whilst the project will predominately be funded by Beyond Blue, additional funding and in-kind support from Council is sought. The support sought includes: -

Cash contribution towards event	\$5000.00
In-kind support of venue and community buses	\$1000.00
Total	\$6000.00

Department of Local Governments Ruling on Donations

Under Section 356 of the Local Government Act, Council may *“in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.*

The intent of that section is to ensure that prior to making a decision to use community resources and/or expend public money in a form of financial and other assistance to persons, councils should comply with the requirements that are designed to promote better accountability and transparency in relation to council decision making processes."

Accordingly this request for financial assistance is forwarded to Council for determination.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

There is no environmental implications from this report.

- ***Social***

The Social Implications of this report are that the IHHP meets a number of outcomes within Council's Social Plan and in holding events within the Shire as identified within the Community Strategic Plan. The target audience being indigenous people predominately children and youth between the ages of 10 – 20 years.

The project will address issues of self-confidence, mental health and community health outcomes.

The project will be conducted in partnership with various agencies including:-

*Durri AMS
Many Rivers Violence Prevention
Kempsey PCYC
Melville High School
Djigay TAFE
Schools
Beyond Blue
Free Soulz Productions
Kempsey Koori Arts Aboriginal Corporation
Macleay Vocational College
Terry's Entertainment and
Yvonne Goolagong-Cawley Management*

In working with these organisations it will assist in building better community relationships within our shire.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

The financial implications of this report are that if Council is supportive in providing a donation of \$6000 towards the staging of Deadly Styles, these funds could be met from the existing Donations Budget.

As at the 5th November 2007, \$9,153.49 is available within this budget. If this donation was granted it would leave \$3,153.49 available for the remaining nine (9) months of the financial year.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

This report has been forwarded to Council in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act.

- *Director's Review*

Support for this event is recommended as it meets 3 target groups of the social plan (ie. Indigenous, Children and Youth) and is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan of arranging for events to be held in the Shire for social and cultural engagement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That agree to provide \$3,000 as a cash donation and in-kind support to the value of \$1,000 towards the Deadly Styles Indigenous Hip Hop Project.

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DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES