



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

13th November 2007

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| DCCS9 | DONATION REQUEST – KEMPSEY PCYC |
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on a request received from the Kempsey PCYC for in-kind support for the provision of community bus travel to the 14th Annual Sports and Cultural Festival in Mt Gravatt Queensland at the end of November.

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DESCRIPTION:

Since 2006 the Kempsey PCYC has run a Team sport program for young offenders and youth at risk at the Kempsey PCYC.

This program aims to increase the health and fitness of young people as well as enhance communication and teamwork through playing organised sport such as touch football.

The project was successful in that the participants competed in the local touch football competition which afforded them interaction with positive adult models whilst reducing the vulnerability that the community may feel about youth.

Continuing on the success of this competition a team has been selected to represent the Kempsey PCYC and travel to Brisbane from the 22nd to 25th November 2007 to participate in the combined Secondary Schools Knockout competition. At this event selections will also be made for the NSW State Secondary Schools Touch Football Team.

Due to the poor condition of the PCYC Bus and lack of funds available to support the purchase of a new one, Kempsey PCYC is seeking in-kind support with the donation of the bus for the students to travel to Queensland.

Whilst the exact kilometres of travel are unknown it is anticipated that they will travel approximately 1500kms. Council's fee for use of the bus is \$0.66 per kilometre resulting in an approximately donation equivalent of \$990.00.

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 are no environmental implications from this report.

- ***Social***

The Social Implications of this report is that the Kempsey PCYC is providing an avenue for those children / youth that are at risk alternative activities to anti-social behaviour.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

The financial implications of this report are that if Council is supportive in providing a donation of approximately \$990.00 towards the transporting of the group to the Secondary Schools Knockout competition. These funds would be met from the Donations Budget.

As at the 5th November 2007, \$9,153.49 is remaining available within this budget.

If the donation was to be granted it would result in \$8,163.49 being available for other donations across the remaining eight (8) months of the current 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***

As an alternative to this request Council may wish to waive the charge for hire of the bus, on the basis that PCYC meets all fuel costs (say 200 litres @ \$1.40 = \$280). This would reduce the amount of the subsidy to \$700.

It is suggested that this request be supported and a full report of the benefits achieved through the donation be supplied to Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council agree to make its Community Services bus available to Kempsey PCYC on the basis that PCYC meets fuel costs and

Council provides a donation of \$700 from the Donations Budget towards bus hire charges.

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