



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

14th August 2007

DCCS10	GOORI HOME MODIFICATION SERVICES
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the proposal for Kempsey Shire Council to auspice Goori Home Modification Services.

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DESCRIPTION:

Goori Home Modification Services (Goori HMS) was operating under the auspices of Macleay Home Modification Services until early 2007. At that stage the decision was made that the management committee of Macleay HMS did not wish run the Aboriginal service due to a variety of difficulties and the staff moved to the Greenhills Community Centre to continue its operations.

This was not entirely to the satisfaction of the funding body, the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) which then requested Kempsey Shire Council to auspice the service for two years, after which it would be advertised for a community based organisation to take over.

Council at its meeting of 8th May 3007 agreed to do so.

After the initial agreement to auspice such a worthy service (home maintenance for frail, elderly Aboriginal people to enable them to stay in their own homes) the enterprise revealed itself to be exceptionally time-consuming and fraught with difficulties. It has become apparent that with the greatest of efforts it would be very difficult for Council to meet the required outputs of service.

Council has advised the Department that it would not proceed with the proposal to auspice the service.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

No environmental implications

- *Social*

There is going to be a break in the service provided to Goori HMS clients until a suitable auspicing body is identified by the Department.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Council has incurred expenses of between \$200 and \$300 in trying to get the service operational, which will need to be met from operational funds.

- *Policy or Statutory*

No policy implications

- *Director's Review*

The recommendation is supported.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council ratify the decision to notify the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care that Council will not proceed to auspice the Goori Home Modification Service.

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