



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

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

14<sup>th</sup> August 2007

<b>DCCS17</b>	<b>NSW ANNUAL ABORIGINAL KNOCKOUT CARNIVAL, KEMPSEY</b>	<b>FILE: 56</b>	<b>MLB</b>	<b>{ Folio No. * }</b>
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### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on a request received from NSW Aboriginal Rugby League and Sports Inc for assistance towards the staging of the Annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout from the 28<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

The Annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout has been a fixture on the NSW calendar of rugby league for the past forty or so years, with the original carnival held in Kempsey. This year marks its return.

The organisers of the carnival have sought Council's assistance in the following two (2) areas:

1. A request for the granting of an interim 24 hour Alcohol Prohibition Zone on the sporting fields at Verge Street Ovals and
2. Seeking an in kind grant and cash for costs involved in the staging of the event.

### **Alcohol Prohibition Zone**

The organisers of the carnival wish to host an alcohol and drug free event. To assist in this they are requesting that Council give consideration to the establishment of a 24 hour Alcohol Prohibition Zone over the venue.

The Alcohol Prohibition Zone would cover Verge Street Ovals 1, 2 and 3 and will become effective from 8.00am on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007, until midnight Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007.

The granting of Alcohol Prohibition Zones is permissible in accordance with Section 632 of the Local Government Act.

Currently the field that the carnival would be utilising only have alcohol prohibited zones from 10.00pm of one day until 10.00am of the next day.

The establishment of the zone would also assist the NSW Police to monitor and issue \$500 on the stop infringement notices for those who are in the possession and consuming alcohol.

The cost of providing this zone would be in the vicinity of \$500 towards the cost of producing temporary signage for the event.

## **In Kind Grant and financial assistance**

As indicated the organising committee is seeking in-kind grants and cash towards the cost of hosting the Aboriginal Knockout in Kempsey.

Whilst the organising committee has not indicated the level of financial assistance they have indicated that they are seeking the following in kind contributions of: -

- Park hire
- Cleaning of amenities
- Hiring of fifteen portable toilets and
- Fencing of the parameter of the fields (approximately 800 metres of fencing).

The cost for providing these in-kind services are as follows: -

Temporary Alcohol Zone Signage	\$500.00
Cleaning of Amenities	\$500.00
Hiring of portable toilets	\$3,150.00
Hiring of Fencing	\$7,040.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,190.00</b>

The use of sporting fields within the Kempsey Shire is for free and therefore no charge will be made.

Currently Council's budget for the provision of financial assistance to organisations via in-kind donations has \$3,688 remaining for allocation for the 2007/2008 financial year. This allocation does not take into consideration Council's previous recommendation to meet some of the expenses in hosting the Hospital Mini-Olympics which will be held in October.

Furthermore, as outlined in a previous report to this meeting relating to Donations Policy and Procedures, Council is required to make a resolution for each of its donations under Section 356 of the Local Government Act.

As advised by the Department of Local Government, *"Section 356 of the Act provides, among other things, that a 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 through an in-kind donation is forwarded to Council for determination.

## **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

*There are no environmental implications from this report.*

- *Social*

*The social implications from this report are that the consumption of alcohol within the Verge Street sporting fields will be controlled with the provision of the Alcohol Prohibited Zone.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*The economic implications of this report are detailed within the report.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*The granting of Alcohol Prohibited Zones is permitted under Section 632 of the Local Government Act.*

- *Director's Review*

*A meeting between the event organisers, Police and Council was held at Port Macquarie on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. At this meeting it was identified that a number of matters still needed to be finalised, including Traffic Management Plan and details of food outlets, amusement rides, contingency plans, public liability insurance structures to be erected, waste services, etc.*

*It was indicated at that meeting that all of these details needed to be provided to Council by 7<sup>th</sup> September 2007 in order for approval of the event to be granted.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**For determination of Council.**

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