



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

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DCCS7	PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS COUNCIL'S SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSION FOR AN AGEING IN PLACE COORDINATION PROJECT
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on a successful submission made by Port Macquarie Hastings Council for the Ageing in Place Coordination Initiative, which includes Kempsey Shire in its proposed area of operation.

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DESCRIPTION:

Kempsey Shire Council supported a submission prepared by Port Macquarie Hastings Council to the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care for the Ageing in Place Coordination Initiative which encompasses both Port Macquarie Hastings and Kempsey LGAs.

Outcomes will include:

- Improved ageing in place strategies
- The building of an 'age friendly community and recognition of ageing as a whole of community issue'
- Coordinated and cooperative planning across government and major service providers
- Empowerment of older people
- Acknowledgment of diversity and the unique issues of the Aboriginal people of the area

The two project officers will spend a minimum of two days per week in Kempsey, working on the Kempsey aspect of the initiative. An outcome of direct benefit to Kempsey Shire Council is the advancement of the KSC Social Plan, through among other items, the mapping and description of services to the aged, in the Shire.

Port Macquarie Hastings Council is hoping for some in kind contribution to the project and project staff, in terms of close liaison with Council's community development staff, as well as some office space to be used for one or two days a week when the project officers work in Kempsey.

The letter outlining the project and detailing the request is at [Appendix F – Page J9](#).

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

No environmental implications

- *Social*

At the conclusion of the project, aged people in the Shire will have access to a strong network of services, which will cooperate and refer clients to each other.

- *Economic (Financial)*

There is some space available in the Community Services offices.

- *Policy or Statutory*

No policy implications

- *Director's Review*

This project will provide assistance to Council in developing strategies to meet the needs of older people, and is a good example of the cooperation between local government areas.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information be noted.
2. That the two (2) Project Officers be invited to join the Health and Ageing Working Party.

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