



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

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DCCS8	LOCAL GOVERNMENT ABORIGINAL NETWORK CONFERENCE 2007	
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SUMMARY:

Reporting that the next NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference 2007 will be held in Coffs Harbour from the 5th to 7th September 2007.

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DESCRIPTION:

The NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network (LGAN) was established in 1988. This network provides a forum for discussion of issues relating to Aboriginal communities at a local perspective. Devised to encourage cross-cultural relationships and understandings, the LGAN attempts to:

- Facilitate understanding of current issues in local government affecting Aboriginal people.
- Function as a mechanism of support for facilitating information exchange and the adoption of new programs.
- Promote opportunities for reconciliation with Aboriginal people.

The next Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference will be held in Coffs Harbour from Wednesday, 5th September to Friday, 7th September 2007.

At the Aboriginal Liaison Committee meeting of the 5th July 2007 the matter concerning representation at this meeting in the absence of the Aboriginal Liaison Officer position was discussed. It was recommended: -

"That at least one (1) member of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee attend the next conference as a result of the Aboriginal Liaison Officer position currently being vacant."

Furthermore, if Council wishes, nominations are sought from Councillors for a representative at this conference.

The cost of attending this conference is detailed further in the financial section of the report.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

There are no environmental impacts from this report

- **Social**

The Social implications from this report are that elected representative would have a greater understanding of the various issues affecting the indigenous community.

- **Economic (Financial)**

The financial implication of this report is that \$677.00 per person would be required for attendance at this course including:

<i>Full Registration</i>	<i>\$520.00</i>
<i>One (1) nights accommodation @ \$155.00</i>	<i>\$155.00</i>

These costs will need to be met from Elected Members Delegates, Conference and Seminar Expenses vote and the Aboriginal Liaison Committee budget.

- **Policy or Statutory**

There are no Policy or Statutory implications from this report.

- **Director's Review**

The recommendation is supported.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That approval be granted for one (1) representative of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee to attend the September 2007 NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference at Coffs Harbour, and that the representative be selected by the Aboriginal Liaison Committee at its next meeting.
2. That a Councillor representative be nominated to attend the 2007 NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference at Coffs Harbour.

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