



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

## **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT**

14<sup>th</sup> August 2007

<b>DSS3</b>	<b>2007 - 2012 TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PROGRAM</b>	<b>{Folio No. *}</b>
	<b>FILE: 697 NJT</b>	

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the projects proposed to be included in the 2007 / 08 Works Program.

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At its meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007 Council adopted the 2007 / 08 Transportation Infrastructure Delivery Program and resolved:

*"That the Director of Shire Services provide a report including Quarry Road and Old Aerodrome Road in the 2007/08 program and a recommendation of what is to be deleted."*

### **Quarry Road**

A 380m unsealed section of Quarry Road from 0.49 to 0.87km from Collombatti Road is presently unsealed. This section of the road links two existing sealed sections of road passing through unimproved wooded land adjacent to quarries.

Section 94 contributions have been levied on the quarry operators for the extraction of gravel. The contributions are based on a rate per cubic metre of extraction. Council is presently in negotiations with the quarry operators regarding the amount of extraction that has occurred over the last few years so as to ascertain the funds that will be levied. It is anticipated that Section 94 contributions will amount to about \$15,000.

The funds levied would not be sufficient to seal the road, but can offset part of the construction costs once they are received. When received any Section 94 contributions for this road would allow Council to recoup any costs expended previously on its upgrading and these funds could then be used on other future Roads to Recovery projects.

The estimated cost of initial sealing and constructing this section of Quarry Road is approximately \$93,000. It is recommended that this project be funded from the Roads to Recovery Program as follows:

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- Savings have been made on a number of projects completed in 2006 / 07 under the Roads to Recovery Program to the amount of \$44,209.
- An amount of \$20,000 was provided for intersection improvements at the intersection of Arakoon Road and Cockatoo Place, Arakoon. This project was to improve sight distance, by removing some of the bank within an adjacent property. The owners have now indicated that they are not willing to allow this to work to proceed. Further investigations have revealed that the improvement and relocation of some linemarking will improve the sight distance.
- An amount of \$30,000 was provided for intersection improvements at the intersection of Gowings Hill Road and Dondingalong Road. It was proposed to remove some of the bank within an adjacent property but negotiations have stalled with the landholder. No other viable options are available at this stage to improve the sight distance issues. This project can be reinstated in a future program if negotiations are successful.

It is recommended that funding for the construction of Quarry Road be provided from the Roads to Recovery Program by:

1. Savings of \$44,209 from completed projects.
2. Transferring \$20,000 allocated for intersection improvements at the corner of Arakoon Road and Cockatoo Place, Arakoon.
3. Deferring \$30,000 provided for intersection improvements at the intersection of Gowings Hill Road and Dondingalong Road until negotiations with the affected property owner have been finalised.

## **Old Aerodrome Road**

A 770m section at the southern end of Old Aerodrome Road from 2.02km to 2.79km south of Sherwood Road remains unsealed. This section of the road passes through existing improved farmland and is adjacent to the airport.

The estimated cost of initial sealing and constructing this section of Old Aerodrome Road is \$175,000 including water main relocation, and property resumption. It should also be noted that significant lead time will be required for service adjustment and property resumption.

Old Aerodrome Road was listed for construction in 2008 / 09 in the 2007 - 2012 Transportation Delivery Program under the Roads to Recovery Program.

In order to bring forward the construction of Old Aerodrome Road to 2007 / 08 Council could defer two projects listed for 2007 / 08 in the Roads to Recovery Program.

- Belmore Street, Crescent Head - Road rehabilitation - \$85,000.
- Cardwell Street, Arakoon – Road reconstruction - \$90,000.

It is recommended that Council defer the two projects listed in the 2007 / 08 Roads to Recovery Program to 2008 / 09 in order to fund the

construction of Old Aerodrome Road from 2.02km to 2.79km south of Sherwood Road.

**REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

*Some vegetation will need to be cleared and projects will be assessed by a Review of Environmental Factors.*

- ***Social***

*The roads will be sealed and widened to improve safety.*

- ***Economic (Financial)***

*There is no financial implication from this recommendation as it is proposed that funding be re-allocated within the existing budget.*

- ***Policy or Statutory***

***Nil***

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1 That the construction of Quarry Road from 0.49 to 0.87km be funded from the Roads to Recovery Program as outlined in the report.
- 2 That the construction of Old Aerodrome Road from 2.02km to 2.79km south of Sherwood Road, be included in the Roads to Recovery Program for 2007 / 08.
- 3 That the projects involving the rehabilitation of Belmore Street, Crescent Head, and the reconstruction of Cardwell Street, Arakoon, be deferred to 2008 / 09.

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