



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

16th January 2007

GM3	RESOURCE SHARING	{Folio No. *}
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SUMMARY:

To inform Council of the progress made in Resource Sharing amongst the MIDGOC Council members.



DESCRIPTION:

The achievements to date by the various Alliance groups are outlined in [Appendix B](#)

The Chairs of the Strategic Alliance Group met on the 24 November 2006 at Port Macquarie. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the future role and development of the Strategic Alliance Groups.

It was recognised by the chairs that:-

Networking facilitation through the Strategic Alliance Groups was beneficial, profitable and worthwhile.

Small savings and economies of scale have been achieved. To earn bigger dollar savings a new change in direction, support and direction from the General Managers was considered critical. It was requested by the Chairs of the Strategic Alliance Groups that the co-ordinator bring to the General Manager's attention the need, or total commitment, to the future direction of the Strategic Alliance Groups in order that they achieve their maximum potential and bring savings to the group of Mid North Coast Councils

It was a general consensus that:-

1. The current state of achievements at the strategic alliance level would remain at this level unless a new direction, support and commitment was forthcoming.
2. The Chairs were desirous of moving forward and achieving greater goals in the future.
3. The role of the GM's was vital and that the General Managers make the commitment to the Strategic Alliance Groups a priority and their involvement in the meetings and directions was critical to the future success of the alliance groups.

4. Not only do the alliance groups need the attendance and support of the GM's but also the commitment from all members to the group's. As indicated at the meeting some members aren't attending the group meetings and this may be impacting on the group's performance possibilities. There needs to be accountability to the group's by all members.
5. The Director / Manager level of participation was critical to the future of the alliance groups.
6. It was proposed that a workshop for GM's and Chairs of the Alliance Groups be held early 2007 to map out the future directions of the Alliance.

At the General Manager's Group meeting on the 8 December it was agreed that a joint meeting between the General Managers and the Chairs of each group should take place and this is scheduled for the 17th February 2007.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- ***Social***

Nil

- ***Economic (Financial)***

There is potential to save substantial amounts through resource sharing.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

Nil

- ***General Manager's Review***

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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