



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

3rd February 2009

DCCS12	BELLBROOK HALL COMMITTEE – AREA ASSISTANCE SCHEME GRANT
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on a request for Council to auspice an Area Assistance Scheme Grant for the Bellbrook Hall Committee.

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Bellbrook Hall Committee

In 2007, the Bellbrook Hall Committee submitted a grant application for funding under the Area Assistance Scheme to undertake repairs to the roof and walls of the Bellbrook Hall.

In November 2008, the Hall Committee was notified that they had been successful in receiving a grant of \$57,509 to undertake this works however, as the Bellbrook Hall Committee is not incorporated they are unable to administer the grant. Council in the 2008/2009 budget had pledged \$12,000 to assist with the completion of works.

The Hall Committee then approached Council to undertake the auspice role based on the understanding that the committee was indeed a 355 Committee of Council and were covered by Council's insurance.

Since then Council has been informed by its insurers that this is not the case and effectively the Hall is not covered under Council's insurance.

Upon being notified of not having insurance coverage the Bellbrook Hall Committee has purchased Public Liability Insurance to ensure the continued and future viability of this community asset.

As this community asset is now appropriately insured Council is requested to give consideration to the auspicing of this grant.

Affixing of Council Seal

Under the Service Agreement for the funding the common seal of the auspice body needs to be attached to the documentation.

The Local Government (Meetings) Regulation requires Council to authorise the affixing of the Council seal to any document.

The following matter requires Council's authorisation to affix Council seal.

The NSW Department of Community Services has requested that the Area Assistance Scheme (AAS) 2008 Service Agreement be signed on behalf of the Bellbrook Hall Committee and for Council's seal to be affixed.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

The social implications of this report are that if Council does not accept auspicing of this grant, the Bellbrook Hall Committee will be unable to undertake the necessary improvements to this valuable community asset.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Council would be required to auspice grants funds to the value of \$57,509.00 funding on behalf of the Bellbrook Hall Committee.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *Director's Review*

There are scant built resources for our community to use. The Bellbrook Hall is an essential community asset for the up river community and provides opportunities for social and economic development. Council has the resources and capacity to auspice this grant on behalf of the general community and Bellbrook Hall Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council's seal be affixed to the NSW Department of Community Services document titled "Service Agreement 2008-2009" and any other documentation related to the auspice of the Bellbrook Community AAS Project Grant.

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