



DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

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DCCS9	DONATION REQUEST KEMPSEY HIGH SCHOOL
FILE: 3	JMC

SUMMARY:

Reporting on a request received from Kempsey High School.

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Council has received a request for financial assistance from the Kempsey High School with respect to the provision of garbage bin services as follows:

"[Kempsey High School is] Concerned about the requirement of \$180.00 for the hire of the 8 garbage bins I requested [as part of the event application for the 2009 Athletics Carnival at Services Club Park]. Your previous correspondence dated 29th September 2008, stated that "Council requires the submission of a written request for donation of garbage bins for this event or alternatively pay \$22.50 per garbage bin for use on the day."

I am hoping that this letter will act as that written request and we will not be liable for the extraordinary amount of \$180.00 for the garbage bins which will ensure that we can leave the venue in a clean state at the conclusion of our carnival"

Council's donation budget is limited and the ongoing requests for garbage bins is eroding the budget intended to assist groups for community development.

It should be noted that Council's sporting fields are provided free of charge to the sporting user groups and local schools.

The intent of this Council is to promote recycling and to achieve maximum recycling opportunity. The event organisers could approach the local recycling companies for quotations to supply recycling bins and the general waste could be placed in the existing bins on site or taken away by the organisers.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service has a policy of Zero Waste or 'take your rubbish with you'.

Department of Local Governments Ruling on Donations

Under Section 356 of the Local Government Act, Council may *"in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise*

grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.

The intent of that section is to ensure that prior to making a decision to use community resources and/or expend public money in a form of financial and other assistance to persons, councils should comply with the requirements that are designed to promote better accountability and transparency in relation to council decision making processes."

Accordingly this request for financial assistance is forwarded to Council for determination.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

The advantage to this recommendation is that Council is reinforcing the intent to recycle.

- ***Social***

Nil

- ***Economic (Financial)***

The donation's budget is being eroded by the constant requests for additional bins for such events, preventing community organisations from donations for community building projects.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

This report has been forwarded to Council in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act.

- ***Acting Director's Review***

Council is working with the community to implement effective recycling and waste reduction strategies. Existing garbage services are supplied to the parks, in the interest of education and promotion of recycling in the schools should be advised that existing services should be used and that students are encouraged to remove from site their own waste.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council introduce the policy of "take your rubbish with you" at events and only provide the existing sulo bin/s at the site.
2. That future and current users of the sporting fields be advised that a condition of use of the fields is that charges will be incurred for any rubbish removed from site.
3. That Council advertise contact details for the local recycling companies that provide bins.

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