



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

MAYORAL REPORT

3rd February 2009

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KEMPSEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL
FILE: 419 CC: 265 MAYOR (NRN) {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

Reporting on advice from North Coast Area Health Service in respect to the appointment of Health Professionals at the hospital

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DESCRIPTION:

Council, at its meeting on 14th October 2008, received a report following a meeting of the Hastings Macleay Mental Health Rehabilitation Group and it was resolved that the North Coast Area Health Service be invited to provide a detailed report on the appointment of Health Professionals to provide health services to the community of Kempsey Shire based on a needs basis for an area identified with a low socio-economic status.

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It is interesting to note that the Area Health Service has recognised the need of the Shires Aboriginal population with the appointment of the two aboriginal cadetships.

In a report to Council in December 2007, it was advised that organisations associated with Mental Health would be invited to provide a brief description of the services available which could be included in Council's directory.

The North Coast Area Health Service has produced an Information Booklet for people with Mental Health issues and this document includes an overview of mental health services available on the North Coast.

The details of the booklet have been posted on Council's website and copies will be available through the Customer First, Macleay Community Care, Libraries and other appropriate locations.

The ultimate aim of the Rehabilitation Forum was to achieve service integration and effective partnerships with all service providers involved in Mental Health Rehabilitation - for the benefit of our community.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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J H Howell
MAYOR