



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

MAYORAL REPORT

3rd February 2009

MM7	NATIONAL REGIONAL YOUTH (BASEBALL)
	CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the Championships which began at Kempsey on Saturday, 10th January 2009

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DESCRIPTION:

There were 7 teams represented in the Under 14 Division and 5 teams represented in the Under 17 Division.

Mr John May CEO Baseball Australia stated the Regional Youth National Championships is a showcase event for young regional based players in Australia with career opportunities created.

In 2008 there were over 80 Australian born athletes participating in professional baseball organisations with another 30 odd participating in the US collegiate system.

Every athlete who plays for Australian teams at international tournaments like Athens Olympics, Australian World Baseball Classic, World Cup or Continental Cup was a graduate of Australia's youth development program and most got their start at Under Age National Championships.

With the team from New Zealand competing at the Kempsey event the Championships were truly international.

A small reception was held at the Kempsey Golf Club on Monday, 12th January 2009 for representatives of the teams and Certificates of Appreciation were presented to each team.

Northern Territory Baseball Association presented Council with a wall clock shaped as the Northern Territory.

The clock will be placed in Customer First public area.

The Association was greatly appreciative of Council's support prior to and during the tournament (except the issue of parking infringement notices).

It will be requested that consideration be given in the future to the installation of floodlighting to allow night games.

This is a matter which should be referred to a meeting of the users of the Kempsey Street playing fields.

NOTE: Some time ago Council resolved that a Plan of Management be prepared for these playing fields.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

The association provides an excellent medium for youth activity and competition.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That a meeting be arranged of the users of the Kemp Street playing fields to consider matters of mutual interest for the area.
2. That the user organisations be invited to lodge a submission of matters for consideration at that meeting.

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J H Bowell
MAYOR