



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

3rd February 2009

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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the submission of Council's application for the Local Community Infrastructure Program grant funds

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DESCRIPTION:

Council resolved at its Ordinary meeting of 16th December 2009 to submit applications for various projects across the local government area for grant funding under the Local Community Infrastructure Program.

Prior to submission of the grant applications it was necessary to review the proposed projects, confirming the scope of works and estimated cost and the compliance with grant conditions for the proposed projects.

The main concerns that this review generated were that the upgrade of the walkway at Stuarts Point did not comply with the grant conditions, as the walkway is contained within a road reserve and such works are specifically excluded. In addition, the original estimate for the lights at Kemp Street did not adequately allow for other associated works that are required to complete the lighting upgrades, with an indicative quote for the installation of lights for the soccer field at Kemp Street Oval No 2 and the required upgrades being received at \$130,000, as opposed to the original estimate of \$60,000. The estimate for the cost of the Mitchell Street footbridge was overestimated by \$20,000.

The non compliance of the walkway between Stuarts Point and Grassy Head resulted in consultation with SPADCO and discussions with the Mayor and General Manager with alternative proposals considered for the Stuarts Point area. The concept of an alternative walkway linking Stuarts Point and Grassy Head along the river bank was discussed with representatives of SPADCO. The current funding would not have allowed the link to have been completed, although the proposal was well received and could have been effectively staged. This was subsequently considered at a SPADCO meeting of 22nd January 2009 where this proposal was rejected by the community members present at the meeting. The funds were subsequently allocated for acoustic improvements to Stuarts Point Public Hall (\$10,000) and for a Skate Park at Stuarts Point (\$90,000). These priorities were as indicated in writing to Council by SPADCO in a letter received by Council on the 27th January

2009. It should be noted though that some objections to the Skate Park have been received by phone from residents of Stuarts Point, with representation from the local State Member's office on behalf of some community members from Stuarts Point concerning a lack of consultation.

Due to the increase in costs for the Kemp Street lights and the decrease in costs for the Mitchell Street footbridge the proposed funding allocation for Kempsey CBD improvements was reduced to \$88,000, being the residual after the remaining projects were funded which is consistent with the comments at the Council meeting of 16th December 2008. The final submission included a stage 2 project for Kempsey CBD Improvements at Riverside Park to allow an additional project to be recorded in the event that savings are realised, or approval problems are experienced with some of the projects.

The submission was lodged by Council on 30th January 2009, with confirmation of lodgement being received by email from egrants. Details of the projects submitted are as indicated on the attached pro-forma [Appendix G – Page H38](#).

The completion of the necessary works to compile the necessary details and submit the grant applications in the timeframe required has resulted in considerable additional work for Shire Services and Mr Mark Thompson, acting Manager Technical Services has been pivotal in ensuring that these submissions were lodged.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *Director's Review*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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