



## **DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

13 October 2009

<b>DCCS9</b>	<b>COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM ALLOCATION</b>
<b>FILE: 3</b>	<b>JLM (Folio *)</b>

### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on applications received from community based organisations for Kempsey Shire Council's Community Grants Program - 2009/10 allocations.

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In accordance with the annual process of council's community grants program policy (C21:7), community organisations were invited to submit applications for assistance to council for consideration in line with the 2009/10 budget.

A total of twenty applications were received. Recommendations have been provided for council's consideration after assessment of each application against the eligibility criteria outlined in the community grants program policy. In particular, projects that demonstrated an alignment with the community strategic plan and those who also made a contribution to the total cost were favourably considered.

In addition to the applications received from the community it is recommended that council continue supporting the local schools with a \$50 donation to each school, as was resolved in the 2008/2009 funding considerations.

A summary of the community grants recommended to be funded is outlined in [\(Appendix E – Page CCS18\)](#).

A summary of the community grants not recommended to be funded is outlined in [\(Appendix F – Page CCS20\)](#).

Council at the meeting of 8 September 2009 resolved:

'That this matter be deferred to allow further consideration and be brought back to the next meeting of council.'

The report is now submitted for council's consideration of the recommendations.

### **RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:**

- **Environmental**

Nil

- **Social**

*Council support for ongoing subsidies and community development projects provides for social development and real community outcomes. Social cohesion and pride are fostered through community groups providing facilities and projects.*

- **Economic (Financial)**

*The existing Section 356 donation funds allocated in the 2009/10 budget are insufficient to meet all proposed grant allocations. If council resolves to fund the recommended grant applications then the total allocation will be \$21,503. This will leave a residual amount of \$997 for any other worthy community organisation project that council may wish to subsidise throughout the year.*

- **Policy or Statutory**

*Under Section 356 of the Local Government Act, council may 'in accordance with a resolution of 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.'*

- **Director's Review**

*As per report.*

## RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the following community organisations be notified that their grant application applied for through council's community grants program policy (C21:7) has been approved by Council for the following amounts for the 2009/10 financial year:

Dunghutti Ngaku Aboriginal Art Gallery	\$ 1,000
Crescent Head Lions Club	\$ 4,500
Macleay Valley Cricket Association	\$ 1,730
Stuarts Point Players	\$ 2,792
Kempsey PCYC	\$ 4,800
Macleay River Historical Society	\$ 1,750
Collombatti Public Hall Reserve Trust	\$ 2,500
Kempsey Rugby Union Club	\$ 1,731
Kempsey Macleay Sub-Branch	\$ 500
All Macleay Schools \$50 x 23	<u>\$ 1,150</u>
	<u>\$22,453</u>

2. That the following community organisations be notified that their grant applications applied for through council's

community grants program policy (C21:7) has been unsuccessful for the 2009/10 financial year:

**Dunghutti Sport and Recreation Indigenous Corporation  
Kempsey Children's Service Coop  
Young Achievement Australia  
Booroongen Djugun Aboriginal Corporation  
Kempsey District Meals on Wheels inc  
Kempsey Golf Club Ltd  
Kalateenee Progress Association  
Crescent Head Pointers Swimming Club  
Aboriginal Cultural Tourism – TAFE NSW Class  
Macleay Valley Hope Farm  
Kempsey Macleay Regional Shooting Complex Inc.**

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