



DELEGATE'S REPORT

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DEADLY DAYS 2009

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SUMMARY:

Reporting on attendance at the official opening of Deadly Days 2009, at Port Macquarie TAFE Campus, on Friday 4 September - representing the Mayor.

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DESCRIPTION:

The invitation to attend Deadly Days 2009 was extended by Tony Dreise, Director North Coast Aboriginal Learning Partnerships, and supported by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The two-day 'Deadly Days' festivals for 2009 were held in Kingscliff, Grafton and Port Macquarie. Suggested planning for 2010 venues includes Kempsey. The festival's aim is to give young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people greater opportunities in education, employment and training and to encourage positive and healthy lifestyles. 'Deadly Days' is an expansion of the successful Croc Festivals previously held in Kempsey.

Activities included workshops, career expos, entertainment, bush to BBQ; and activities which included horticulture, hospitality, pastry and bread baking, fashion, fitness and health, hair and beauty, nursing, child studies, retail, business services, electrical and information technology.

Kempsey was represented by Aboriginal Connections, Kempsey TAFE Campus, TAFE hospitality students and attended by students from Kempsey high schools. Further information is available at www.deadlydays.net.au

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

- **Environmental**

Initiatives such as 'Deadly Days' progress the education of the physical and cultural environment to the Aboriginal community.

- **Social**

Education opportunities increase social cohesion within the community.

- **Economic (Financial)**

'Deadly Days' encourages employment opportunities, cultural awareness and health related activities which in turn improves self sustainability by individuals.

The circulating revenue spent by the visiting participants would benefit our local economy.

There could be some participation cost.

- **Policy or Statutory**

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council confirm the dates for Deadly Days 2010.
2. That Council participate with an exhibition promoting the relevance of local government, Kempsey Shire Council's services to the community and as an employer of choice at Deadly Days 2010.

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