

BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Submission for Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 30 June 2011

TITLE:	Community Services Report	DOC REF: Item 26
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REPORT BY:	Lynn Moore Director Corporate Services	DATE: 16/6/2011
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ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

Youth Activities Report

Item	Action
Staff; Team Leader and two casual staff	Information only- no action
<p>Programs: Youth activities are being conducted in the Youth Centre between the hours of 2-3.30pm Younger children are being catered for with painting activities, and indoor sports at the youth centre. From 3.30pm to 6pm, outside activities of football, netball and Oztag footy are being played either at the oval or in the community centre. This month Gala days for both netball and football have been very successful.</p>	

Brewarrina Childcare Centre Activities Report

Item	Action
<p>Full time Staff employment Seven full time permanent staff are employed which includes the return of Danielle Caruana and the continuing employment of Karen Letsch (Director)</p>	Information only- no action
<p>Casual Staff employment Ongoing issues relating to the availability of casual staff has meant that a renewed search for casual staff has commenced. The budget does not allow for staff to be employed on a part time basis and they are called in only when the numbers of children warrant it.</p>	Information only- no action
<p>Finance Discussion have been held with parents who are behind with payments and this has resulted in catch up payments being made and in one instance Mission Australia assisting one family with a large outstanding debt. A letter has been issued instructing parents that the outstanding debts will be handed over to the Debt Collection Agency on 1st July 2011.</p>	Information only- no action
<p>General Licensing Managers from the Early Childhood Unit have visited the centre and we are expecting a report from them within the next few weeks.</p> <p>Training Four staff have attended early childhood conference in Bourke. This complies with the licensing requirements for ongoing training.</p>	Information only- no action

Centrelink, RTA and Library Activities Report

Item	Action
<p>Centrelink Staff One permanent staff member with service delivered 15 hours per week. Only one instance during the month with limited access to facilities. The facility is well used and is very busy when opened managing many request during the day.</p> <p>Office fittings and location Discussion with Centrelink held on the issue of Privacy in the current location. A request has been made for infrastructure to be supplied by Centrelink to move the office to the area opposite the RTA desk which will allow requests to be made in a more private area. Centrelink have agreed this is an area of concern and they are investigating options. It has been made quite clear to Centrelink that any options are to be cost neutral to the council.</p>	Information only- no action
<p>Library Staff One permanent staff member This past month has been a busy with over 60 customers taking out books and 120 using the Internet</p>	Information only- no action
<p>RTA Staff One part-time staff member with relief available (2) from trained council staff when required.</p>	Information only- no action

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:
Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:
Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- 1. Council accepts the Community Services Report as information.**

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