

ISSUES

- The costs to date spent on cutting and baling grass at the Gunnedah Airport was approximately \$8500.
- To achieve full cost recovery of 285 bales, each bale would need to be sold for approximately \$30 each. i.e. $\$8500 / 285 \text{ bales} = \$29.83 \approx \$30$ each.
- The decision to dispose of the bales may be on (As per Disposal Policy):
 - Surplus to requirements.
- With respect to the above a reasonable effort has been made to ensure that no other Council department has a need for the asset
- Additional factors to consider include:
 - Council resources required to manage the disposal;
 - Costs associated with the different disposal methods, ie administration and transport cost to Council;
 - Benefits of the different disposal methods.
- In accordance with the Policy, Assets may be disposed by donation to charities or community/non-profit organisations.
- The General Manager is authorised to approve disposals valued up to \$150,000.

ASSESSMENT

- It is recommended that the net benefit of selling the bales to achieve cost recovery is minimal and the airport bales be donated to Aussie Helpers.
- The impact of cutting the grass at the airport has also had a positive effect on the resident kangaroo population with considerably less kangaroo activity being observed.

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