



30th June 2018

Kempsey Shire Council
PO Box 3078
West Kempsey NSW 2440

Dear Director/General Manager

Re: KEMPSEY MACLEAY DRAGON BOAT BUSINESS PLAN

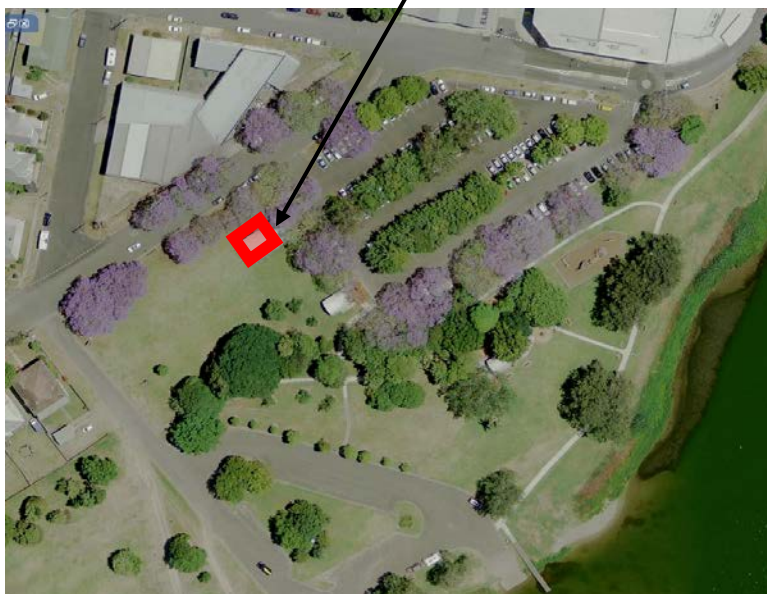
Summary

To construct a standalone boat storage shed adjacent to the Kempsey/Crescent Head Surf Life Saving boat storage shed, to be erected on the north western perimeter of the Riverside Park. A new purpose built facility for our two (2) x dragon boats and three (3) x trailers with a storage area for administration files, regatta equipment (ropes, flags etc.) dragon boat heads and tails, paddle seats, drums, esky, oars, approximately 30 trophies, airplane packing paddle boxes etc.

History

The Kempsey Macleay Dragon Boat Club has been and is a successful local, state and internationally recognised highly competitive club since 2005, boasting 51 registered members.

Area Map – showing existing surf boat shed

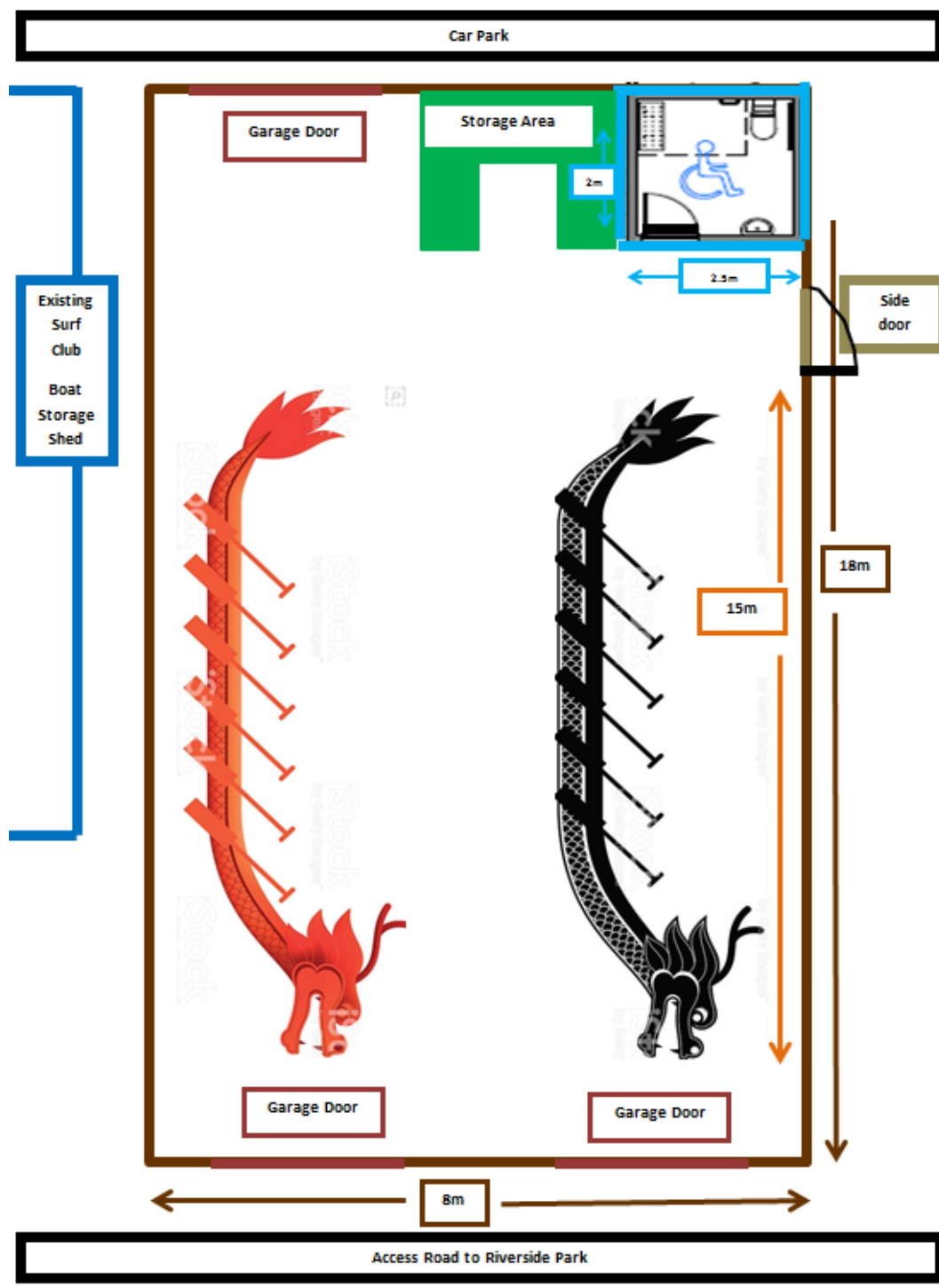


Facility

Kempsey Macleay Dragon Boat club propose to construct a storage shed (18m x 8m, an extra five (5) metres in length) alongside the Kempsey Macleay Surf Club Boat Storage Shed (13m x 8m) to house our long 20 seat dragon boats and trailers and will be a twin design of the Kempsey/Macleay Surf Club Boat Storage Shed.

To create a uniform look the Kempsey/Macleay Surf Club are prepared to extend their shed a further five (5) metres for much needed storage space.

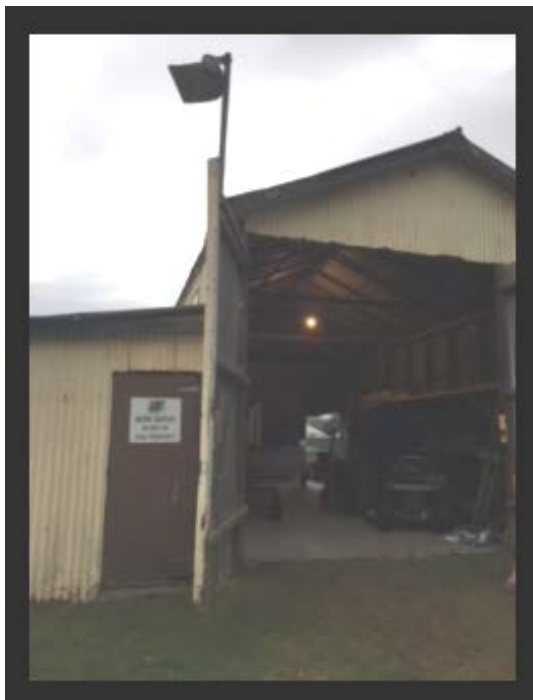
Floor Plan



The Kempsey Macleay RSL has generously allowed our club to store one of our boats in the underground storage area for the past 9 years; however, they now require that space for their own needs, so at present we have our boat stored to one side of the greenkeepers shed taking up half of their space for our boat and other stored items and this is also becoming an inconvenience for both the greenkeepers and our dragon boat and trailer.

Objectives

1. It will be the Club's showcase facility and become a benchmark Club for the North Coast Region.
2. To house our two (2) dragon boats and three (3) trailers in a permanent purpose built secure facility. Storage for our other boat and two trailers, regatta boxes and other club equipment is at members' residences.
3. To give us safe access and egress to the wharf with our dragon boat and trailer avoiding three (3) public roads. See **Appendix 1**.
4. To reduce the distance to the wharf and to join with the Kempsey/Crescent Head Surf Club for training. See **Appendix 2**.
5. To remove the cartage of the boat and trailer before the early morning sessions away from the residences along Austral and John Street.



6. A facility for the Kempsey Macleay Dragon Boat members to hold our meetings, Regional meetings, in-house coaching, sweep and paddling training, presentations, storage and fundraising events.

7. Secure a space for the regatta equipment, dragon boat head and tails, marquees, banners, flags, administration files and other accumulated club property in the one area.
8. Construct our shed adjacent to the already built Kempsey/Crescent Head Surf Club and as they have and blend into the surroundings. See **Appendix 3**.
9. Remove Dragon boat members' parked cars from the Kempsey Bowling Club especially on their busy days with member's competitions and night events.
10. Organise Dragon Boat Open Days at the Riverside Park, to encourage a healthy alternative recreational activity for the community, wanting a low impact sport, which Dragon Boat paddling offers.
11. Look at organising Community and Corporate Dragon Boat Fun days on the Macleay River involving, Kempsey Shire Council employees, the four (4) high schools teachers and aids, Akubra, Nestles, Coles, Australia Post, Aged Care Facility employees, Woolworths, Kempsey Hospital, disability groups, Community Health, PCYC, Fitness Centres, Curves, Church groups, Farmers, Tank Radio, Durri Medical Centre etc.
12. Construct a storage shed to professionally service the Communities needs in a worldwide fast growing sport with a permanent base after ten (10) years of training for competitions at Local, North Coast, State, National and International Regattas.
13. Provide an exercise area for paddle training and recovering/injured members e.g. breast cancer survivors.
14. Provide a covered area for rainy days with a change room and disabled toilet for paddlers.
15. To be able to utilise two (2) boats at session times from the new purpose built two bay facilities.
16. Access to our daily equipment e.g. life jackets and spare paddles.

Goals

1. Secure private and state grants funding for the construction and fitout.
2. Be solar power self-sufficient with panels on the roof.

Source existing services available to the site, sewer and water connections already in place connected to the Kempsey/Crescent Head Surf Club boat storage shed.

3. We are committed and will continue to expand our membership base.
4. Continue using the Macleay River seven (7) times a week, five (5) in winter.

5. Invite other Dragon Boat Clubs to workshops for coaching and training advancement, in a purpose built facility.
6. Promote a sense of belonging for the 51 registered dragon boat members and the newcomers awaiting the 2018-2019 end of June to register.

Financial Data

The members have maintained a financial base for ongoing costs, maintenance and equipment to also cover initial Development Application fees associated with this proposal.

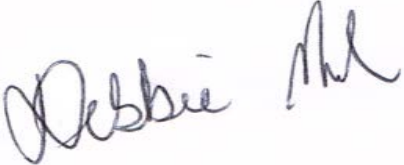
Funding for the shed after Council's approval will be sourced from available private and state bodies and Club fundraising.

Dragon Boat Shed Quotes

Quotes are currently being sourced from two local builders.

Thank you.

Regards

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Debbie Mecham

On Behalf of the KMDBC Committee

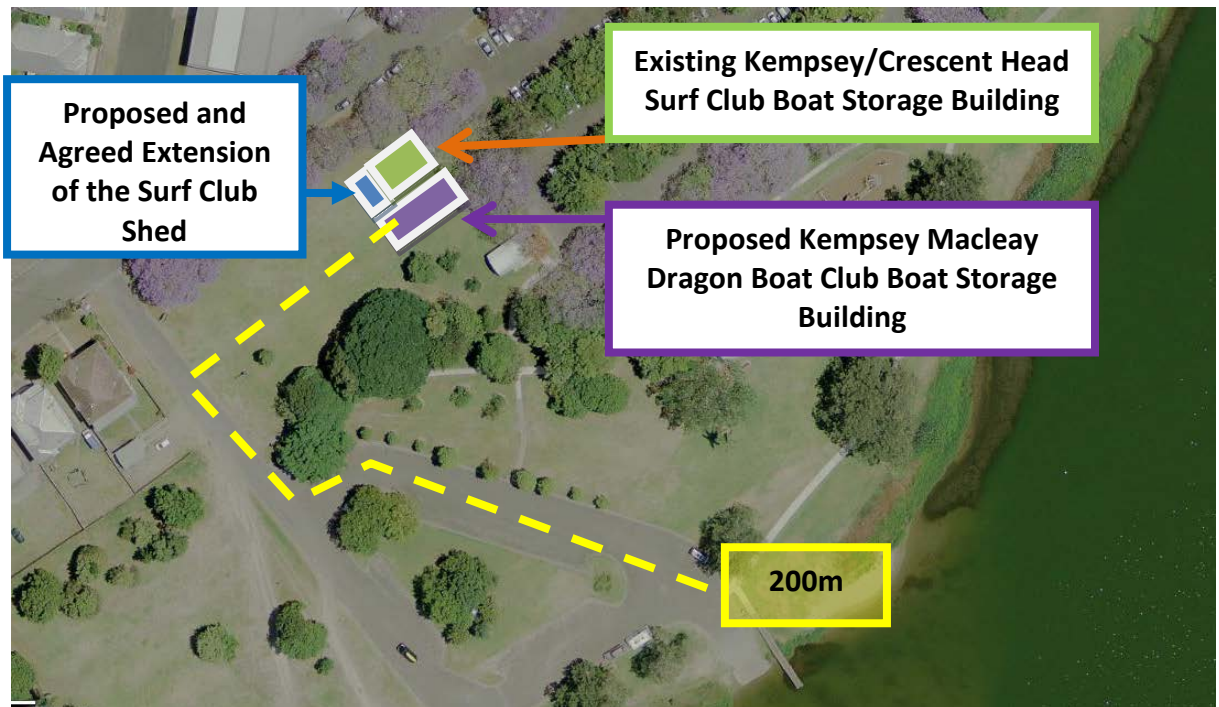
Appendix 1

Photo 1 - Distance to the Kempsey Bowling Club (in the greenkeepers shed) to the Macleay River Wharf



Appendix 2

Photo 2 - Distance to the proposed new Kempsey Macleay Dragon Boat Storage Shed adjacent to the Kempsey Crescent Head Surf Club and closer to the Macleay River Wharf



Appendix 3 – Site Photos

Photo 3 – Existing Kempsey/Crescent Head Boat Storage Shed



Photo 4 – Space adjacent to the Existing Shed Kempsey/Crescent Head Boat Storage Shed



Photo 5 – Side by side the Surf Club and Dragon Boat sheds looking to the East

