

PRIDE IN OUR WIN

Over the past few years, we've been working hard to improve our communication with our customers. This newsletter is one of the new initiatives that we have introduced to keep you better informed about the activities of your Council. We have had a number of positive comments about our efforts from people and we are continually looking at new ways to enhance the process. It was therefore with great pride that we accepted the 2003 R H Dougherty Award for Excellence in Communication for Councils with a population of less than 30,000 at the Local Government Week Awards in Sydney. Mayor, Councillor Janet Hayes and Website Administrator, Noeleen Hayward, are pictured just after Kempsey was announced as the winner of the award. Our aim is to do even more in the future.



ENHANCING OUR STREETS

In what is believed to be the first of its kind, Council has established a new "Streets Enhancement Team" to improve, clean and maintain public assets, create a safe and pleasant environment and build civic pride within specifically targeted areas. A three person designated Aboriginal team has been employed as part of a plan to increase Aboriginal employment and address Council's goal to have maintenance works undertaken that will enhance our towns and villages and make them more attractive to both residents and visitors. It is empowering residents to care for their community and already, team members Trevor Atkinson, Harold Thompson and Willy Lockwood have been receiving calls from community members with ideas for projects. The initiative received a special commendation in the national Diversity@Work Awards.

MACLEAY WATER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Contact your committee representative if you have any ideas on how Macleay Water can improve its service to you as a valued customer.

- Lindsay Maxwell, South West Rocks resident, retired senior technical officer with Sydney Water and Hydraulic consultant. 6566 5820.
- Russell Bowen, Kempsey resident, former Councillor and irrigator. 6562 4393.
- John McCleod, Kempsey resident and Hairdresser. 6562 6489 or 6562 2608.
- Campbell Moody, Crescent Head resident and Real Estate Agency owner. 656660306.
- Richard Emerson, South West Rocks resident and Tourist Park owner. 6566 6264.
- Peter Hadlow, South West Rocks resident and Consultative Civil Engineer. 6566 7688.
- Robin Campbell, Kempsey resident and Real Estate Agency employee. 65627122.
- Nikki Smith, Stuarts Point resident and member of SPADCO. 6569 0284 or 6654 0114.
- Lewis Nicholl, Hat Head resident and member of HH Community Organisation. 65677654.

Macleay Water Community Consultative Committee members are pictured on the right taking part in their first meeting, held on September 21 at Council.



HAT HEAD LIBRARY



Thanks to our fabulous volunteers, the Hat Head Library is open on:-

Tuesdays	2 - 3.30pm
Saturdays	10 - 11.30am.

Borrowers, both residents and visitors, are always welcome at the Library which is located behind the Anglican Church in Straight Street. Two of the volunteers, Sandra Bourne and Robyn Turner, are pictured above shelving books.

MAKE A SPLASH!

Council pools are now open at:-
Kempsey,
South West Rocks,
Crescent Head and
Gladstone

AUSTRALIA DAY 2005 - NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Nominate someone worthy today for the 2005 Australia Day Awards. Categories include Citizen, Young Citizen, Sports, Community Service and Community Entertainment, Music and Arts. Nomination forms are available from the Community Services section of Council on 6566 3227. The closing date to lodge a nomination is **Friday, 26/11/04**. If your community group is proposing to hold a local celebration on Australia Day 2005, please provide details of the event to Sam Nean or Melanie Booth on 6566 3227 by **Friday 29/10/04**. We can then assist with the promotion of your activity in conjunction with the Shire's official awards ceremony which will be held at the Kempsey Macleay RSL Club on Wednesday, January 26, 2005. Let's celebrate our national day.

COUNCIL SNIPPETS

MACLEAY PRODUCE MARKETS - Local producers will soon have the opportunity to sell their produce direct to you every month. Producers, call Michelle Foley on 6561 5223 if you are interested in participating.

CREDIT CARDS - Don't forget that you can now use your credit card to pay your Council accounts at Council. There is a small fee to cover the fees associated with this service.

FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL - Jot down Saturday January 15, 2005 in your diaries as that is the date for our very own Food and Wine Festival which will be held at Riverside Park in Kempsey.

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES - COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

Aboriginal Liaison Committee - *Councillors Green and Gribbin*
Access Committee - *Councillor McWilliam*
Aged Care South West Rocks - *Councillors Gribbin and McWilliam*
Australia Day Committee - *Councillors Green and Hunt*
Bush Fire Management Committee - *Councillors Hunt and McWilliam*
Coastal and Estuary Management - *Councillors McWilliam and Walker*
Community Services/Community Safety Committee - *Councillors Green and Saul*
Community Tenancy Association - *Councillor Hayes*
Bellbrook/Willawarrin Sewerage Liaison Committee - *Councillor Hunt*
Stuarts Point Sewerage Liaison Committee - *Councillors Saul and Sowter*
Hospital Action Group - *Councillors Howell and Green*
Kempsey Assistance Patrol Advisory Management Committee - *Councillor Hunt*
Kempsey District Silver Band Committee - *Councillors Howell and McWilliam*
Kempsey Local Ranking Committee (Area Assistance Scheme) - *Councillor Hayes*
Kempsey Masterplan Implementation Committee - *Councillors Hunt and Saul*
Local Heritage Committee - *Councillors Saul and Walker*
Macleay Development and Promotion - *Councillors Green and Hunt*
Macleay District Sports Council - *Councillors McWilliam and Walker*
Macleay Floodplain Project - *Councillors Saul and Sowter*
Macleay Flood Risk Management Committee - *Councillors Hunt and Saul*
Macleay River Historical Society - *Councillor Saul*
Melville Community Centre Management Committee - *Councillor Green*
Mid North Coast Regional Arts Board - *Councillors Green and Gribbin*
PCYC Committee - *Councillor McWilliam*
Saleyards Advisory Committee - *Councillors Saul and Sowter*
South West Rocks CBD Masterplan Implementation Committee - *Councillors Gribbin and McWilliam*
Swimming Pools Community Committee - *Councillors Howell and Green*
Water and Sewerage Steering Committee - *Councillors Howell and McWilliam*
West Kempsey Community Renewal Project Advisory Committee - *Councillor Green*
Wigay Cultural Education Park Management Committee - *Councillor Green*
Kempsey Community Gallery Committee - *Councillors Green and Saul*
School of Rural Health - Mid North Coast Division - *Councillor Howell*
Kempsey Airport Community Committee - *Councillors Howell and McWilliam*

ACTIVITIES FOR THE FRAIL AGED



Council's Adult Day Centre, based at Boronia Gardens at South West Rocks, is proving to be a hit with frail aged residents of the Macleay Valley. Pictured are Co-ordinator Glenda Hipwell, Carol Coop, Wilga Ramsay and Hilton Forrest on a recent trip to the Butterfly Farm in Coffs Harbour. The centre is providing a wide range of activities, including a weekly bus trip, designed to support, challenge and enhance the well being of all participants. New participants are always welcome at the centre and interested people are invited to phone Glenda on 65626799 or 0429 318 515 to learn more about the range of activities available. To assist with the cost of activities, a small fee of \$10 for the Wednesday bus trip and \$5 for Saturday's activities are charged. This includes both morning tea and lunch. Glenda is also keen to hear from volunteers who may be interested in assisting her with activities.

contacting your Council

COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Kempsey Shire Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan is in the final draft stages. It will include strategies to address issues like property and personal crime, civic and community pride and social factors which contribute to crime and community safety concerns. The importance of a proud and vibrant community, with strong social connections, that is well maintained and a pleasure to live in and visit, cannot be underestimated when considering community safety and crime prevention strategies. It is this vision that underpins the Kempsey Shire Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan; strategies to improve our community for all residents are the foundation of the Plan.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

Mayor Janet Hayes	6562 3531 042 780 4956
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Councillor Terry Hunt	6561 7157 041 435 6197
Councillor Betty Green	6562 8938
Councillor Jim Gribbin	6566 6907
Councillor Bob McWilliam	6566 5465
Councillor Dean Saul	6567 4682
Councillor Ellis Walker	6562 2119

GOOD NEWS

We will be introducing a new feature on our website (www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au) shortly called *Good News Stories*. So often, we get bogged down with bad news and negatives and we want this feature to celebrate all the good things there are about council, local businesses and our community. We need your help to make it work - if you hear of a really good story, phone Simone or Marg on 6566 3322 and give them the details. Ideally, the news items should be brief, newsy and interesting. We have so many good things happening in our valley every day - let's share them and everyone can be inspired.

EVEN THE KIDS HELPED!

Great to see so many people helping out at a recent tree planting to rehabilitate the river bank near Jerseyville. Nestlé, the Rotary Club of South West Rocks and Council are partners in the project which will see a track wind through native shrubs and trees. Pictured - Jack and Jewel Pickett and Nathan Burgess.



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