

JULY 2006

Kerbside Recycling to commence in October!



October will be an exciting month for Kempsey Shire Council and the residents of Kempsey Shire because that's when our long-awaited new kerbside recycling service will be introduced.

Surveys conducted by Council over a number of years confirmed how keen the community is to commence this recycling program, the aim of which is to minimise the environmental impact and to reduce the volume of waste going into landfill.

In September 2006 all households with a current waste collection service will receive an additional bin purely for recyclables. This 'yellow-lidded' bin will be collected regularly, on a fortnightly basis, with the Shire's towns and villages allocated a particular day of the week for collection. When your new bin is delivered you will receive a calendar identifying collection dates.

JR Richards & Son has been engaged to collect the recyclables on behalf of Kempsey Shire Council.

Council will be providing more information about how the service will operate through these community newsletters, local radio, our regular weekly advertisements, media releases and the Mayoral column in the Macleay Argus and Macleay Valley Happynings. Information will also be on display at our Customer First Centre and the Kempsey Shire Library and its branches.

Before the service commences we will also have information booths open at various locations in the shire for the convenience of residents.

Until Kerbside recycling is introduced Council's existing recycling stations will remain operational at various locations throughout the shire.

THE BENEFITS OF RECYCLING

These days the term 'recycling' typically covers the process of collecting used or discarded 'waste' materials and converting them into new products to be used or sold.

Recycling reduces landfill and conserves resources. Separating recyclable items from household waste and leaving them at the kerbside for collection or taking them to a drop-off centre is only the first step in the recycling process. Recycling cannot be considered to have taken place until the resource is recovered, reprocessed and re-used.

There are environmental, economic and social advantages and benefits to recycling a variety of materials. Some of these benefits include:

* Recycling conserves valuable natural resources and raw materials used in industry. By making products from recycled materials instead of virgin materials, we conserve land and reduce the need to drill for oil and dig for minerals, etc;

* Recycling helps prevent environmental pollution. In most cases, making products from recycled materials creates less air pollution and water pollution than making products from virgin materials;

* Recycling saves energy, thus reducing acid rain, global warming and air pollution. Making products from recycled ingredients often uses much less

energy than producing the same product from raw materials;

* When the materials that you recycle go into new products, they don't go into landfills or incinerators, so landfill space is conserved and helps solve our waste disposal problems;

* Goods are used productively and prevented from becoming litter and garbage.

What can be recycled?



Through Council's new service you will be able to recycle:

- Glass bottles and jars (without lids please)
- Plastic bottles and containers with the codes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 (no lids)
- Steel and aluminium cans, empty aerosol cans and empty, dry paint tins
- Newspapers, office paper, cardboard, magazines, phonebooks and junk mail

What can't be recycled?

The following items are NOT acceptable for recycling:

- Ceramics, light bulbs or Pyrex (place in your general waste bin)
- Green waste or food scraps
- Plastic bags or general waste
- Any glass other than bottles or jars
- Any plastics other than those with the code listed above
- Scrap metal, wire, electrical leads or appliances



TACKLING GIANT PARRAMATTA GRASS

Council has increased the budget allocation for the control Giant Parramatta Grass in the 2006/07 year to \$20,000.

This, together with grant funding received from the Department of Primary Industries, will assist greatly in the control of Giant Parramatta Grass. Council will continue to work to decrease existing infestations and minimise any new outbreaks.

All Kempsey and Village streets have been sprayed for Giant Parramatta Grass for the past two years and we are continuing to monitor all these areas to evaluate the success of the program. So far the results have been pleasing with less Giant Parramatta Grass evident in these areas.

Additional funding means these control works can be extended to cover more areas of the Shire.



If Giant Parramatta Grass (pictured left) is present on a landholders property it is vital to stop it spreading onto neighbouring properties.

Giant Parramatta Grass has the potential to invade clean areas very quickly and it is important that landholder/farmers be aware that this weed can decrease the productivity of their land.

Council's Weeds Officer, Greg Egan, is available to assist

landholders with advice and information on controlling Noxious Weeds such as Giant Parramatta Grass. If you'd like to know more contact Greg on 65663285.

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY

Kempsey Library and its branches were vibrant, busy places for children over the July school holidays. 108 children attended a variety of activities including a visit by Lavender the Book Witch, who flew out to all the branches for story time and craft sessions.

As part of the Library's NAIDOC Week celebrations Bill Allen presented an Aboriginal cultural and artefacts experience. Bill told dreamtime stories, played the didgeridoo, showed off some of his amazing artefacts and helped the children paint their own boomerangs to take home.



'Shredfest', an electric guitar workshop for teenagers, was hosted by Lindsay Keay from 'The Music Zoo'. The session (pictured left) was enjoyed by all.

National Parks and Wildlife held a 'Whales and Dolphins Information Day'. Children learnt all about these fascinating creatures, lay head to toe to see how big whales can grow, examined some whale bones and completed some whale craft.

The holidays concluded with a drama and improvisation workshop conducted by Queen-O-Drama's, Nikole Hunter.

Library staff are now in the early stages of planning for the next holidays so if you or your children have any suggestions please contact Lisa Beecham at Kempsey Library on 65663211.

Macleay Valley Community Art Gallery is Thriving

Following on from the very successful textile exhibition and workshop held in June, the Nakkondi /Look exhibition of black and white photographs depicting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders will be on display at the Gallery until 13 August.

For more information about coming exhibitions check out the gallery calendar on Council's Web site at www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au under 'Community'. Artists are also welcome to access the web for information about exhibition times for hiring the gallery.

Are you are looking for something to do that is different? Volunteers are needed to ensure we are able to open the Macleay Valley Community Art Gallery four days per week. Gallery hours are Thursday to Sunday 10am to 4.30pm at the gallery 5 Kinchela Street Gladstone. Volunteers will be trained in gallery processes.

For more information contact Barbara Huntington, Council's Community Projects Officer, who is available on 65663226 Tuesday to Thursday.

Below: Wendy, Jamie and Tiger Rylance pictured with Lynette Kirk at the opening of the Textile exhibition.



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