



April 2007

Support continues for Medical Scholarships



Support for Council's Medical Scholarship Fund continues to grow thanks to the support of the Hastings Macleay Division of General Practice. Dr Peter Ackerley representing the Division, recently presented a cheque for \$1,500 to Deputy Mayor Councillor John Bowell (pictured above).

In doing so the Hastings Macleay Division of General Practice joins other local organisations such as the Macleay Regional Cooperative, the Rotary Club of Kempsey, the Rotary Club of Kempsey West and the Rotary Club of South West Rocks in supporting this important initiative which awards scholarships annually to provide financial assistance for local students taking on studies in health and medicine.

West Kempsey Cemetery: Baby memorial unveiled



A memorial to babies buried in unmarked graves was unveiled by Mayor Councillor Betty Green at West Kempsey Cemetery in mid March. Fully funded by Macleay Funerals, the project is a result of collaboration between Kempsey District Hospital, Kempsey Shire Council and Macleay Funerals.

Management Plan 2007-08 on display soon

If you would like to know what your Council will be working on during the next financial year you should take advantage of the opportunity to have a look at Council's Management plan for 2007-08, which is due to go on public display in the next few weeks.

This year's Management Plan incorporates the new Vision, Mission and goals that will guide Council activities over the next 20 years. These goals were established through an extensive community consultation process over the past several months. Workshops held during November 2006, identified the needs and expectations of the community.

Community representatives were nominated from each workshop to be part of a focus group and the information gathered at the workshops was used by the focus group as the basis for setting new goals. Further public consultation on this community strategic plan was undertaken in February/March this year.

When the 2007-08 Management Plan is ready for public exhibition the dates and locations will be advertised in Council's weekly advertisements in the Macleay Argus and Happynings or you can contact Council on 6566 3200.

Clean Up Australia Day

This year's Clean Up Australia Day slogan "Don't let rubbish become part of the scenery" rang loud and true across the Macleay Valley and coastal regions of Kempsey Shire in early March.

Residents and schools in Kempsey Shire are to be congratulated on their efforts for Clean Up Australia Day 2007. The feedback received is that, this year, there was an increase in the number of volunteers and, in fact, less material was collected than in previous years.

Overall, this fantastic outcome shows that continued effort and commitment to this annual event is paying off and helping to keep our Shire beautiful.

Children of the Gulf War Photographic Exhibition at Library

A special photographic exhibition documenting the plight of the many children in the aftermath of the Gulf War is on display at Kempsey Shire Library from Tuesday 1 May until Friday 18 May 2007.

The 58 black and white photographs with accompanying captions were taken by respected photojournalist Takashi Morizumi and have received international critical acclaim.

While some of the images are quite confronting, the exhibition is very topical for anyone, especially students and teachers, interested in political and social issues.

Student worksheets are available to enhance the educational experience for those visiting the exhibition.

Any teachers that would like to bring classes to the exhibition and require worksheets please phone the Library on 6566 3210.

Further information and some of the exhibited photos can be found at www.wilpf.org.au.

In Brief...

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW produces an electronic Tidy Towns Newsletter which is full of information about the Tidy Towns competition and how communities can get involved.

If you would like your town to be involved in Tidy Towns 2007 or you would like to receive the newsletter you can get more information by emailing info@kabnsw.org.au.

NB: Entries for Tidy Towns 2007 close on 15 June.

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Council has nominated three projects for awards in the Local Government Cultural Awards: the Macleay Community Art Gallery, the Aboriginal memorial at East Kempsey Cemetery and CrocFest.

Council is proud of the contribution made by its staff and the local community towards the success of these projects. Each of these projects had played an important part in reaffirming the cultural identity of our Shire.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Kempsey Branch of the Shire Library will be closed for refurbishment from Saturday 26 May and will re-open Monday 4 June.

Council apologises for any inconvenience this temporary closure may cause.

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Dispose of empty Chemical Containers

Council participates regularly in DrumMUSTER which is designed specifically to help people dispose of their empty chemical containers. Over 7,000 containers have been collected on the Mid North Coast since the first DrumMUSTER collections in 2001.

DrumMUSTER is on again at the Crescent Road Landfill site during May. Every Friday in May (4, 11, 18 and 25 May) you can take your chemical drums or containers to the Crescent Head Landfill site between 8am and 3.30pm. All containers need to be rinsed and clean prior to acceptance at the site.

People with large loads of containers, say up to 50 X 25 litre, will need to phone ahead on 6562 2042 and book prior to arrival at the Crescent Head Road Landfill so that your load can be managed effectively.

For larger loads please contact DrumMUSTER on 1800 008 182 to arrange direct pickups.

Tozer Street Aged Units named

To fulfill a long standing resolution of the former Kempsey Municipal Council, the Tozer Street Aged units were recently formally named in honour of former councillor, Mrs Judith Evill, who was a strong advocate for bringing the community aged facility to fruition many years ago.



Mayor Councillor Betty Green with Mrs Judith Evill at the naming ceremony

CrocFest to return!

CrocFest was an enormous success in Kempsey Shire in 2006 playing host to up to 6,800 students, 550 support staff and facilitators.

The festival, held over two days and nights was attended by more than 10,000 community members in an atmosphere that was positive and binding.

The festival introduces a 'holistic' approach to addressing regional-specific youth concerns. Health, sport, arts, cultural, goal-setting, education, careers workshops, reconciliation and festival performances promote youth identity to the wider community.

CrocFest is set to return in 2007 once fund sources are confirmed, with tentative dates set for 18-20 September. Already the event looks like being bigger and better than ever.

Kempsey Shire Council is proud to be a major sponsor in CrocFest 2007.

Indigenous records workshop a success!

The Indigenous records workshop proved very popular when held in mid March at Kempsey Library.

Names are now being taken for a similar workshop on this topic to be held sometime in mid June. If you would like to put your name down for this workshop please contact Kempsey on 6566 3210.



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