



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council  
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# community newsletter

*We will work with the community to provide high quality services and facilities through excellence in leadership and with consideration for the needs of the environment and of future generations*

## Community Builders Grants Now Open!

Your community group is encouraged to apply.

Community Builders is a funding program from the NSW Government for projects that aim to build strength and capacity within communities and enhance their ability to manage issues and respond to change. The funding focuses on community strengthening that enhances both individual and collective wellbeing.

Projects will be funded ranging in value between \$10,000 and \$100,000 per year for up to 3 years. Community Consultation is an important part of the application and applicants need to demonstrate that the relevant Community: has been consulted in relation to the project; that the community have been involved in the development of the concept for the project; are supportive of the project; and affirm that the priority group is a priority for that community. There are specific eligibility criteria for all community groups which can be accessed at [www2.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/](http://www2.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/)

For further information please contact Kempsey Shire Council's Community Project Officer, Barbara Huntington on 65 663 226 or by email [barbara.huntington@kempsey.nsw.gov.au](mailto:barbara.huntington@kempsey.nsw.gov.au)



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### How does Kempsey Council compare?

The latest comparative information for NSW Councils was recently published by the Division of Local Government. The data is for the financial year ended 30 June 2009. The numbers below indicate the the average rate per assessment for Kempsey and surrounding shires.

Council	Average rates
Great Lakes	\$796
Hastings	\$774
NSW Average	\$760
Bellingen	\$712
Coffs Harbour	\$711
Nambucca	\$659
Greater Taree	\$626
<b>Kempsey</b>	<b>\$609</b>
Glouster	\$537

### Management Plan 2010-2011

Kempsey Shire Council's Management Plan is the document which informs the local community and other key stakeholders what Council intends to achieve and how it will finance its activities, including an overview of its 3 year forward planning. It is a tool that details the activities that will be undertaken for each strategy listed under the five goals in its Community Strategic Plan, titled 'Kempsey Shire - Our Twenty Year Vision'. You can view the Management Plan online at [www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au) or by visiting the Customer First Centre.

## Planning renovations or additions?

If you are planning a simple home addition, such as a sunroom or a patio, or if you are thinking about building a carport, shed or pool, Council can speed up the approval process of your Development Application.



Development applications that meet pre-set standards can be turned around in 7 days, saving you both time and processing costs.

Council's Customer First Officers welcome your enquiries on complying development on 6566 3200.

## Kempsey Family Community Centre wins state award!



Mavis Symonds (KSC) and Margo Johnson (NC Area Health receiving the award)

Kempsey Family Community Centre's Community Garden Project has won the Local Government Heart Foundation Award for 'programs that improve heart health in priority groups'. The hard work from employees and volunteers at the Centre was rewarded during Local Government Week at a ceremony in Sydney. As well as providing an opportunity to learn about healthy eating options the garden encourages people to engage in passive exercise and occasional visits to the centre for basic health checks.

## Brian Sowter appreciation



Brian Sowter provided 21 years of service to the Macleay Valley community as a Councillor. He was also a member of the Saleyards Committee and associated focus groups for the development and upgrade of the facility. Thank you Brian.

## Access to Council Information

On 1 July 2010 the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act) came into effect, replacing the former Freedom of Information Act. The new GIPA Act:

It creates new rights to information that are designed to meet community expectations of more open and transparent government.

It encourages government agencies to proactively release government information.

You can find out more about the new Act on Council's website.



right to information

## Bellbrook Pipeline Complete

Kempsey Shire Council has bored through solid rock to ensure the new water supply line crossing Belgrave Falls is protected from future floods.

The bore is approximately 760 metres long, valued at \$3m and was contracted to Arogen Pty Ltd. It is an integral link to Council's supply network and will be the primary feed into South Kempsey.

The process of drilling the bore involved the gradual expansion of the pilot hole until it was able to accommodate the 400mm diameter polyethylene pipe which was drawn back through the completed hole.

## Removal of trees at Crescent Head

Kempsey Shire Council as Reserve Trust for Crescent Head Reserve is proposing to remove two Norfolk Pine trees from the reserve. The trees are situated on the south side of the tennis courts and unfortunately the tree roots are a threat to the nearby tennis court surface. The trees may also suffer some damage to the roots by necessary drainage work to be carried out around the tennis courts in the future.

The trees will be replaced by new plantings of suitable species on both the southern and eastern sides adjacent to the tennis courts.

Kempsey Shire Council welcomes comment from the community, written submissions must be addressed to the General Manager.



## Alcohol Free Zones - Reestablishment

Kempsey Shire Council supports a comprehensive approach in tackling alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour. One of the many strategies used to address these issues is Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ).

Alcohol Free Zones aim to reduce alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour in identified locations to assist in creating a safer environment for our residents, businesses and visitors.

Any person may make a submission regarding the Alcohol Free Zones in writing to Council.

Written submissions must be addressed to the General Manager, Kempsey Shire Council, PO Box 3078 West Kempsey, 2440, and be received by close of business on Friday 19 November 2010.



Alcohol Free Zone  
Consumption of  
Alcohol  
Prohibited

From 01/12/2008  
To 30/11/2011

## Did you know?

Total stock through Kempsey Saleyards in 2009-10 was 36444

## Matty's Flat Plan Adopted

The proposed Plan of Management for the Mattys Flat Reserve and Boating Facility at New Entrance in South West Rocks was adopted by Council at its meeting on 14 September 2010.

Work will now proceed with the detailed design of the proposed wharf/jetty as well as the upgrading of car parking facilities on the site.

Just over \$400,000 of funding has already been secured which will allow the works to proceed now that the Plan of Management has been adopted.

The plan is available on Council's website [www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au)

## Be wise - minimise waste, maximise recycling!



Council successfully introduced kerbside recycling in October 2006 and, more recently, its green waste collection service in April 2009. Both of these services are aimed at diverting as much waste material away from landfill as possible. This benefits our community because it is better for the environment and means a longer life for our Waste Reveal and Disposal Facility located off Crescent Head Road.

Did you know there are two types of recycling in our area? First, there is domestic recycling such as plastic bottles, aluminium and tin cans, paper and cardboard products, etc which go in your yellow-lidded recycling bin. Second, there are recyclables such as old TV's and whitegoods, scrap metal and rubber items. These need to be separated and taken to local recyclers, the Crescent Head Landfill site or one of our waste transfer stations.

The new red-lidded general waste bins have proven effective already, with a noticeable decrease in the amount of domestic waste arriving at the landfill resulting in an increase of kerbside recyclables being collected.

*Congratulations and keep up the good work!*

## Barrunbatayi Unveiling and Completion

Kempsey Shire Council, the Heritage Council of NSW and the local Aboriginal community came together on Friday 15 October for an event which signifies the completion of a major reconciliation project for the Macleay Valley.

The formalities of the morning included the unveiling of memorial plaques at Barrunbatayi in East Kempsey Cemetery which was officiated by Mayor John Bowell, Mayor of Kempsey Shire Council together with members of the Heritage Council of NSW, Mr Norman Laing and Mr Danny Chapman. The significance of this occasion was felt by the remaining family members of those buried there as their graves remained unmarked and unidentified until recent years.



## Niche Walls for Loved Ones

Deciding what is to be done with a loved ones ashes can be very hard. When ashes of a loved one are kept with relatives, they can easily become misplaced or discarded through the years, as future generations may not feel a connection to the deceased.

A permanent site gives loved ones a physical place for visitation and reflection.

Niche walls for the placement of ashes are sealed at the time of placement by a bronze plaque.

Ashes can be placed in the Niche Walls or Memorial Gardens located at Arakoon, Crescent Head, East Kempsey, Frederickton and Kinki (Stuarts Point) cemeteries.

## Have you seen this weed?



**The Tropical Soda Apple** initially found west of Bellbrook is a threat to farmland on the Macleay.

Tropical Soda Apple (*Solanum viarum*) has spread to the lower Macleay and is a fast growing weed that grows up to 2 metres. Leaves and stems of the weed will contain large white and yellow prickles. Please contact Greg Egan, Weeds Officer at Council on 65 663 200 if you spot this weed.

## Graffiti Blasters celebrate 1000 blasts!

Council commenced Graffiti Blasters in July 2010 to remove graffiti from public places, to date they have removed over 1000 marks or tags. Council would appreciate residents support by way of reporting any incidences of graffiti to Customer First on 6566 3200. Graffiti Blasters will attend and assess all reports of graffiti within 24 hours. Help us tidy our towns and villages!



**BEFORE  
and  
AFTER**



*The Graffiti Blasting Vehicle*

## Australia Day Nominations NOW OPEN

Nominate your "local hero" now for one of Kempsey Shire Council's 2011 Australia Day Awards.

Council's Australia Day Awards recognise and reward members of the local community who have a consistent record of excellence, have made outstanding achievements in their field, and/or have contributed significantly to the growth and development of sport, community events, arts and cultural life in the region.

Six categories of awards will be honoured during Kempsey Shire Council's Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony at the Kempsey Macleay RSL Club on 26 January 2011. All members of the public are welcome to attend the Awards function.

Nominations will close Friday 19 November 2011.

Residents who require assistance in completing the form, or those who seek further information, should contact Melanie Booth during business hours on 6566 3200.



## Coming up at the Gallery

**1-7 November**  
**Macleay Art Collective**  
Macleay Artists

**11-14 November**  
**HSC Major Works**  
All Macleay High Schools

**18-28 November**  
**Diploma Exhibition of Fine Arts**  
Kempsey TAFE Diploma of Fine Arts



### WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT OF MY WATER SUPPLY?



Within an area served by townwater, your water supply should:

- Be reliable and continuous
- Be free from objectionable taste and odour
- Meet Australian Drinking Water guidelines



### WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT OF MY SEWERAGE SERVICE?



Within an area served by town sewerage, your sewerage service should:

- Be reliable and continuous
- Be operated so as to minimise odours and be environmentally responsible.

### WHAT CAN I DO IF MY WATER OR SEWERAGE SERVICE IS INTERRUPTED?



If you have no water or there is a sewerage spill, please call us, night or day on **6566 3200**.

We give a commitment to responding to the problem as quickly as possible.

Your council Our community

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### Librarians meet to discuss services to housebound borrowers

Kempsey Shire Library recently hosted the 2nd Annual Meeting of the North-East Zone Home Library Service group in Council's Committee Room. Seventeen staff members met over 2 days to discuss opportunities, challenges and emerging trends in the provision of Home Library Services to housebound borrowers.

The Home Library Service is a free service for people unable to make a personal visit to their library, usually due to age or disability, or because they are a full-time carer. If you are interested in receiving this service, or know of someone who would benefit, please phone Kempsey Library on 65663210.



Picture: Librarian's discussion in Kempsey Council Chambers.

### Did you know?

#### Council maintains;

Over 100 concrete and timber bridges

564km of unsealed roads

469 km of sealed roads

#### We have had;

11,273 visitors to the Macleay Valley Community Art Gallery in 09/10

225,1487 items were borrowed in 09/10

12 ha of river and creek banks rehabilitated

Over 15000 trees planted 2005-2010 by the Council and community



### Water Week Accreditations

Schools across the Macleay are promoting the Waterwise message by becoming Waterwise accredited schools. To become accredited, schools are required to create a submission, which meet certain criteria including a commitment to both using and communicating Waterwise principals, participating actively in National Water Week each year, developing a School Environmental Management Plan and providing samples of participation in water curriculum activities at all stage levels across a variety of learning areas.

Photos below show South Kempsey School on it's way to accreditation along with Aldavilla and Kempsey Adventist School receiving their accreditation.



### Waterwise tips for your home...

Put food colouring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl, you have a leak.

Install tap aerators to reduce the flow.

Use only as much water as you need in the kettle to cut your electricity costs at the same time.

Use a watering can, save water and get more exercise!



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