



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER NAVIGATING ANOTHER FLOOD TOGETHER

It seems like, year after year, the Kempsey Shire community is faced with adversity, whether it be floods, drought, bushfires or an infectious disease pandemic. While these occurrences are out of our control, we can all take comfort in the work being done to help us manage such incidents and prepare for them in the future.

Day in, day out, adversity after adversity, the community shows its strength and ability to bounce back.

We have experienced flooding this year already and it should be a comfort for you to know that, as an organisation,

we drop everything to provide 24-hour assistance to the community.

Our flood response teams work around the clock during these periods, checking river levels, flood mitigation infrastructure and road and bridge conditions and reporting important information to keep the community informed.

We also work with key agencies such as the State Emergency Service and NSW Police to monitor and manage evolving situations at the Emergency Operations Centre. It is here that incredible amounts of information are sent and processed to

get a picture of what is taking place and predict further changes in the situation.

This is a multi-agency response in which we assist the lead agency, the NSW SES, supported by dedicated and amazing people in the community, driven to provide assistance in the best way possible.

I encourage you to become familiar with Council's website, Disaster Dashboard and Facebook page to ensure you can find accurate information in times of emergency.

Craig Milburn
General Manager

**DO YOU LIKE
THIS NEWSLETTER?**

We want to do better, especially with our newsletters.

If you have 2 minutes to answer 5 questions we would love to hear from you at ksc.pub/ratesnewsletter or call **6566 3200** and ask to speak to someone in the communications team.

YOUR VISIT TO KEMPSEY LIBRARY IS ABOUT TO GET A WHOLE LOT BETTER

It's all systems go at Kempsey Library, with the refurbishment set to be finished in May 2022, just in time to celebrate our much-loved library's 40th birthday.

Library visitors will soon be able to enjoy a brand-new borrowing experience and take advantage of bookable meeting rooms and a reinvigorated children's area.

The new outdoor seating area is perfect for reading a book while enjoying the sunshine and fresh air in a comfortable and safe location.

We know our library members have been waiting patiently while works have been carried out and we can't wait to welcome you inside the new and inspiring space.

Find out more about the renovations at ksc.pub/library-reno



HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE?

Book lovers of the shire have a new favourite spot on the internet, with access to free ebooks, audiobooks, online events and much more.

We've launched our new library website, providing users with an enhanced online experience.

The new website gets a new address too – check it out at library.kempsey.nsw.gov.au



HAVE YOU GOT A STOCKPILE OF PROBLEM WASTE AT YOUR HOME?

Many materials can be reused and recycled if processed correctly at either our Community Recycling Centre or Mobile Community Recycling Centre, which saves valuable landfill space.

The Mobile Community Recycling Centre operates on a schedule, regularly visiting towns across Kempsey Shire to make it easier for you to get rid of problem household waste.

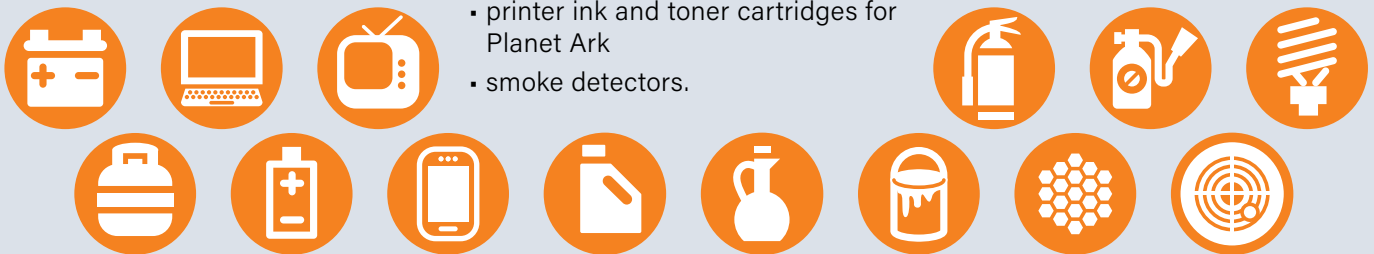
Items you can drop off for free include:

- car batteries
- electronic waste
- fire extinguishers
- fluorescent globes and tubes
- gas bottles
- household batteries
- mobile phones for MobileMuster
- motor and other oils
- paint
- polystyrene
- printer ink and toner cartridges for Planet Ark
- smoke detectors.



You can also drop items off at the Community Recycling Centre, located at the Waste Management Centre on Crescent Head Road, during business hours.

Find out more at ksc.pub/waste-recycling



GOT SOME BUSHFIRE WASTE HANGING AROUND?

Residents whose properties were affected by the 2019-20 bushfires and are yet to dispose of fire-affected materials on their property could be eligible for a free clean-up.

Operation Property Clean Up is a joint program between Kempsey Shire Council and Disaster Relief Australia.

The program will see professional contractors assist residents to

clear damaged fence lines and green waste such as fallen trees from their properties.

To check your eligibility for the program, head to

ksc.pub/operationclean



TAKE THE HASSLE OUT OF BIN NIGHT

Seen the new Mobile Community Recycling Centre calendar?

GET THE NEW KEMPSEY SHIRE WASTE APP

ksc.pub/wasteapp

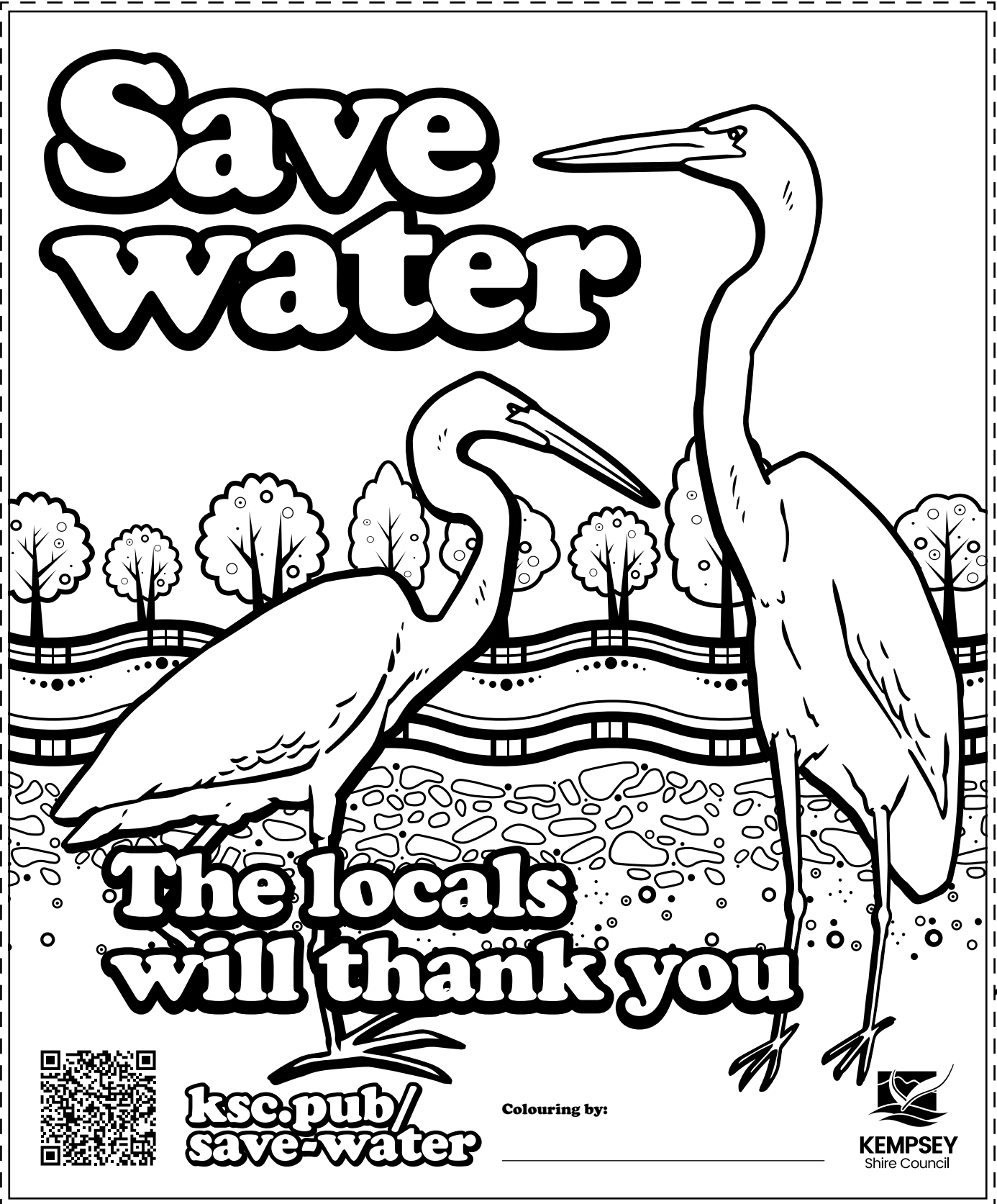
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SHARE YOUR KIDS COLOURING IN?

Colour in this picture and your fabulous work will be displayed for all to see!

This page features artwork by Dunghutti artist Stephen McLeod, reminding us that saving water helps protect our native animals and plants too.

Drop your finished picture into Council Customer Service or your local library for display.



BUT WE'VE HAD SO MUCH RAIN?

Water conservation is important every day.

Learning good behaviour now sets us up for summers to come.