

AGRICULTURE



Free inclusive drone mustering workshop in Kempsey

Primary producers and agricultural high school students are invited to participate in a free drone mustering workshop in Kempsey.

Aerial stockmanship offers a cost-effective, innovative and safe way to muster and monitor livestock, particularly during emergencies like floods and fires. This method also empowers people with disabilities or impairments to stay actively involved in their agricultural operations.

While entry to the event is free, there is an optional donation for entry and lunch to support Ability Agriculture Foundation, a charity dedicated to assisting individuals and families with disabilities in agriculture.

WHEN: Friday 11 October 8:30am – 2:00pm

WHERE: Kempsey Showground



[Find out more and register for the event](#)



Have your say on the Coastal Management Program

Kempsey Shire is inviting community input on its Coastal Management Program, which aims to guide the long-term management of our coastal areas.

This program covers approximately 80 kilometers of coast, including key sites like Killick Creek estuary, Korogoro Creek estuary, Saltwater Creek and the Macleay River Estuary.

The Coastal Management Program addresses critical issues such as:

- environmental threats,
- the preservation of cultural heritage,
- infrastructure protection, and
- the challenges posed by climate change.

Feedback closes on Friday 13 September.

Find out more and have your say



Red Imported Fire Ants

While there are no reports of fire ants in the Kempsey Shire Council area, confirmed infestations have been identified in Northern NSW. An emergency order was updated on 22 August, maintaining the current NSW Fire Ant Infested Area and Fire Ant Movement Control Areas.

The Department of Primary Industries continues to respond swiftly and effectively to the two fire ant incursions in NSW, with no new infested premises identified so far. Anyone bringing organic materials like mulch, compost, soil, hay and certain equipment into NSW from Queensland must comply with the current NSW Biosecurity (Fire Ant) Emergency Order.

[Learn more](#)



Field Day on Soil Health and Agroforestry

Join Regenerative Agriculture Macleay Alliance to see a property that has spent the last 10 years improving winter feed and building topsoil. This has been

achieved by regularly testing the soil and growing a variety of pastures to cover the winter months.

When: Tuesday 17 September, 8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Where: Grassy Head (address provided when you register)

RAMA invites anyone interested in regenerative agriculture to attend. Spaces are limited, so register early!

What to expect:

- A walk through the paddocks to see eucalypt agroforestry plots, used for both beef and timber production.
- Hear from Jeremy Bradley, a committed carbon farmer from the Hastings area.

This event is perfect for farmers, producers and gardeners interested in improving soil health and regenerating land.

RSVP:

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For more details, head to RAMA's [Facebook page](#)

[Register](#)

REMINDER: Bushfire danger period

The Bush Fire Danger period began on 1 September and will end 31 March 2025. During this period landowners and managers are required to obtain permits before lighting fires for land clearance or fire breaks.

[Learn more about your responsibilities](#)

Feral pigs

As the seasons change to warmer conditions, so does feral pig behaviour, including seeking out different food sources.

North Coast Local Land Services can help you take advantage of seasonal changes with the most effective feral pig control techniques for your property.

Take a look at their great video resources on feral pig control.



See tips for feral pig control



Be vigilant of Giant's Devil Fig

North Coast landholders need to be on the lookout for Giant Devil's Fig (*Solanum chrysotrichum*) which is an introduced and highly invasive woody weed. It is problematic as it competes with desirable pasture species with a direct impact on productivity and costs. The plant also contains toxins that can harm livestock if consumed in large quantities. The sharp prickles can also injure people and animals and impede access to stock water.

Residents must notify their local council if it is found and eradicate it immediately.

Find out more

If you have any questions, please contact the Economic Development and Tourism Team on [02 6566 3200](tel:0265663200) or agriculture@kempsey.nsw.gov.au.

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Opportunities update

\$1,000 SafeWork small business rebate

This \$1,000 rebate will help you purchase safety items to improve work health and safety for you and your workers. [Learn more](#)

The Macleay Grant Hub is a free resource accessible to businesses, community groups, nonprofits, and individuals. It offers a comprehensive list of

grant and funding opportunities. Receive email alerts for new grants, save your favourites and access tips to aid in your grant applications.

[Sign up to access these opportunities](#)

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