

AGRICULTURE



Business as usual as saleyards upgrade begins

Farmers who rely on the Kempsey Regional Saleyards can rest assured that operations will continue uninterrupted as work begins on a major upgrade to this essential facility.

Construction is set to start in early November, with the first stage focusing on the demolition of the existing selling ring and the creation of a temporary replacement. At the same time, preparations for the new permanent selling ring will also be underway.



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Assessing groundcover for warmer months

With warmer weather on the way, North Coast Local Land Services is offering a timely reminder to rural landholders of the importance of assessing their native grasslands and native groundcover on their properties as the warm months are when groundcover species are most identifiable.

[Learn More Here](#)



Life Stories of the Macleay in Flood short film

Life Stories of the Macleay in Flood, premiered at Riverside Movies on Tuesday 29 November.

Through first-hand stories and historical photos, the short film captures the profound impact of some of the region's worst floods and highlights the community's enduring spirit and resilience.

[Watch the Short Film Here](#)



Craig Milburn to step down as General Manager in December

The new Council elected to Kempsey Shire in September will be paired with a new General Manager after Craig Milburn announced he will step down from the role after 7 years.

On Monday, Mayor Kinne Ring accepted Mr Milburn's request to commence his retirement, with his last day at work set for Friday 13 December.

Mr Milburn said he had been planning for his retirement for some time and he was confident he was leaving the organisation in the very best of hands.

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Warm Weather Weeds Reminder

As the warm weather approaches a familiar pair of weeds will start to raise their giant heads across farmland in the Kempsey Shire: [Giant Rats Tail](#) and [Giant Parramatta Grass](#).

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Agritourism Support

Planning reforms were introduced in December 2022 and have now been expanded to more areas across the state.

The agritourism planning rules:

- help landowners add value to their existing agricultural operations and encourage the next generation to farm the land
- help make farms more resilient to the economic impacts of natural disasters and other unexpected events
- support sustainable tourism, giving people more reasons to visit regional and rural NSW.

Agritourism businesses already lawfully operating are not affected by the reforms.

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Drone Mustering Workshop Feedback

Thank you to everyone who attended last month's drone mustering workshop led by [Ability Agriculture](#).

We would love your feedback on the workshop and welcome suggestions for future workshops on technology, accessibility or other topics you would find useful!

[Send us your Feedback](#)



Paddock to Planning Forum

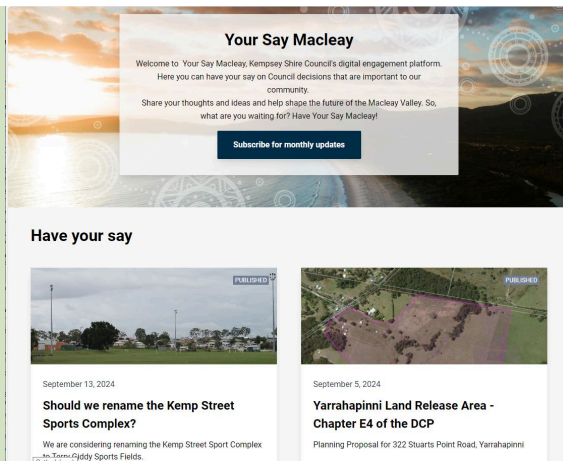
Join DPIRD's Agricultural Land Use Planning Team as they explore agricultural land use planning through the lens of climate change.

From changing vulnerability and suitability of agricultural lands to management and infrastructure adaptations from industry, climate change is having an increasing impact on agricultural land uses, and our job as planners and associated professionals.

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Share your thoughts on what matters most to you and how it affects your business. Provide feedback on our current projects and stay informed about our plans and policies.



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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.

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