

AGRICULTURE



Hello and welcome

February is here, and with it comes updates and events that may be of interest for a you. There's good news for users of the Dungay Creek causeway and the federal government has announced the return of the On Farm Connectivity Program. Keep reading for more details.

We hope you find this newsletter valuable. Feel free to share it with your colleagues and team members. They can also subscribe to receive their own copy directly [here](#).



New bridge to replace Dungay Creek causeway

Dungay Creek causeway at Yessabah will be replaced with a new concrete structure thanks to funding of \$3 million from the Australian and NSW Governments. The new structure is being built to improve resilience to natural disasters.

Replacing the current causeway will make travel safer and more reliable for Wittitrin residents and farmers.

Preliminary work off-site has started, which includes surveys, soil testing and environmental checks.

Council will keep the existing causeway open during construction, with only a few closures when necessary for certain stages of the work.

[Read More](#)

Local News and Events

Kempsey Saleyards upgrade progress

Works are progressing on the upgrade of the Kempsey Regional Saleyards.

The upgrade will include a roof over the yards, a new kiosk, better amenities, an office, extra cattle yards, more seating, and paved areas. There will also be landscaping to improve the overall space.

This project is being funded by the Australian and NSW Government's Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund, helping support the local farming community. Check out the photos below to see some of the progress so far.



[Find out more about the upgrade](#)



Nutrient Smart Soils Workshop

Learn about your soil types, nutrients and fertility flows across your farm, and how to manage your soil to its capability.

The first day (Soil Basics) will run in March and will focus on key knowledge and a practical session. Attendees will receive farm maps and 2 x soil chemistry testing kits per farm for the next session. The test results will be discussed at the second meeting tentatively set for May 2025, depending on testing turn around.

Day 1 dates and locations

All workshops will run 9.00am- 2.30pm.

Hernani- Monday 10 March (RSVP closes 3 March)

Kendall- Wednesday 12 March (RSVP closes 5 March)

A light lunch will be supplied at the workshops.

[**Learn more and register**](#)



Macleay Floodplain Rainforest Planting Day

Macleay Landcare will host a rainforest planting day in the Macleay Floodplain on Thursday 20 February 2025 in Kinchela.

This is a great opportunity to conserve and enhance one of the few remnants still on the floodplain. Lunch is provided to RSVPS.

[Find out more and RSVP here](#)



2025 Kempsey Show dates

Kempsey Show Society will host the Kempsey Show on 29 and 30 April 2025.

[Find out more](#)

Farm forestry field day

Local Land Services has engaged Private Forestry Service QLD to hold an interactive field day on Tuesday 4 March 8:45 am - 4:00 pm

Explore a private native forest near Coffs Harbour and gain insights into long-term sustainable farm forest management.

[Register now](#)



Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training

To acquire and use types of vertebrate pesticides, you need to be accredited. Local Lands Services offers a free Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training course and it only takes a few hours to complete.

[Learn more about the course](#)

Grant Funding and Opportunities



On Farm Connectivity Program returns

The Australia Government has announced the On Farm Connectivity Program will return.

Round 3 will see \$20 million allocated to the program which will call for application later this year.

To help farmers navigate the connectivity investment landscape and make informed decisions for their business, the On Farm Connectivity Information Service is delivered by the Regional Tech Hub to provide free and independent advice on producers' connectivity and agritech options.

[Learn more about the program](#)



Applications open for Native Fish Stocking Program

The NSW Government is accepting applications for the Community Native Fish Stocking Grant Program. This initiative provides \$2 for every \$1 of funding contributed to stocking native fish species, such as Australian Bass, into rivers across NSW.

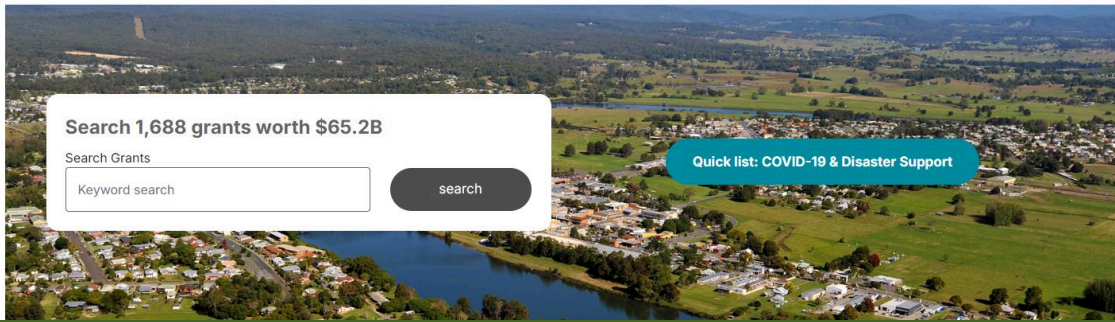
Bass fishing on the Macleay Valley Coast is exceptional, with the upper Macleay River being particularly popular among anglers seeking the thrill of bass fishing.

Eligible applicants include non-government and not-for-profit groups involved in approved fish stocking activities in NSW public waters. This includes fishing clubs and individuals participating in community fish stocking programs to support recreational fisheries.

If you'd like assistance with your grant application, please contact us at business@kempsey.nsw.gov.au

[Find out more](#)

[More funding opportunities](#)



Macleay Grant Hub

Macleay Grant Hub is a free resource available to all local businesses, community groups, not-for-profits and individuals. comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities available to you.

Register to receive email alerts for new grants, save your favourites access tips to help you apply for grants.

[Register for Macleay Grant Hub](#)

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Kempsey Shire Council acknowledges the land of the Thunggutti/Dunghutti Nation. We pay respect to Elders past and present. We acknowledge the role of emerging leaders to continue to guide us in the future. We acknowledge the Stolen Generations and the need to change practices to be inclusive. This land always was and always will be Thunggutti/Dunghutti land.

