



Community Newsletter

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Heritage Festival set for March 2007

Kempsey has again joined forces with Port Macquarie Hastings Council to participate in the NSW National Trust Heritage Festival from Saturday, 3 March until Sunday, 18 March 2007. The theme of this year's festival is "Places in Context: Cultural & Natural Landscapes". Over the sixteen days of the festival there are lots of special events planned in both Kempsey and Port Macquarie.

Festival events include:

• **Smokey Cape Lighthouse Tour**

During the hour long tour on Sunday 4 March you can discover the heritage of this working lighthouse. The tour starts at 11.30am. Numbers are limited so it is essential to book by contacting 65666301.

• **Port Macquarie Heritage Bus Tour**

This 6 hour tour runs departs from Cavanaghs Bus Depot, Kempsey at 8.30am on Wednesday 7 March and visits Port Macquarie's prominent heritage sites. The cost is \$32 (includes morning tea and lunch). For bookings contact Mitch McKay at Port Macquarie Hastings Council on 65 818623.

• **Kempsey/Gladstone Heritage bus tour**

This 7 hour tour runs departs from the Port Macquarie Town Green at 8.30am on Wednesday 14 March and visits West Kempsey, the Wigay Centre and Gladstone. The cost is \$35 per person including morning tea and lunch. For bookings contact Mitch McKay on 65 818623.

A full program of Heritage Festival events is available at www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au. Go to Communications, then Documents and you'll find it under 'H'.

Join our electronic Email list

Here's another way you can stay up to date with Council activities! Just send us your email address and we'll include you in any electronic mail-outs.

Art Prize 2007 "Works on Paper"

The opening of the 2007 Kempsey Shire Art Prize was a resounding success with around 150 members of the community attending the event.

The Prize, sponsored by Council in conjunction with Coastline Credit Union, Wonderland Framing and Art, Heritage Guest House (South West Rocks) and Randall's Business Equipment attracted 184 entries this year for the "Works on Paper" including watercolour, printmaking, drawing, photography and paper sculpture.

The competition judge, Joanna Mendelssohn was very impressed by the quality of the work entered. The winners were:

- **Kempsey Shire Prize**
"Growing Up" by Arna Baartz
- **Section 1 - Printmaking**
"Terra Australis" by Julie Barratt
- **Section 2 - Watercolour**
"Beachside Festival" by Kiata Mason
- **Section 3 - Drawing**
"Post Psychosis #1" by Liam Garstang
- **Section 4 - Other Entries**
"Warrior Siren" by Rochelle Summerfield



Climate Saver Pack Campaign a Success

In September last year, Council formed a partnership with Easy Being Green, a company behind a concept to distribute Climate Saver Packs free of charge to the community. Once installed, these Packs, containing six energy saving light globes and one AAA rated water-saving showerhead, help to reduce household energy and water consumption. The packs also aid in raising community awareness about what actions individuals can take to help combat climate change at a local level.

Easy Being Green reports that a total of 2,673 Packs were distributed to Shire residents and this is one of their best ever responses. If everyone installs the packs, including the showerhead, this equates to:

- saving approximately 4,500 tonnes of carbon dioxide from being emitted into the atmosphere annually;
- taking over 668 cars off the road permanently; and
- saving approximately 39 million Litres of water per annum.

This is an excellent result for the Kempsey Shire community and residents should be proud for showing their commitment to combat a global environmental problem such as climate change.

For those residents that have not already installed their products, please remember to do so. By installing the packs, not only do you reduce carbon dioxide emissions and water usage but also save on annual water and electricity bills.

Anyone wishing to make an enquiry about their Pack please call Easy Being Green on 1300 789 324.



our mission

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



OUR VALUES - Trust, Co-operation, Service, Innovation and Pride

Certificates of Merit Presentations

At the December meeting of Council five Certificates of Merit were presented to local sportspeople who have been selected to compete at a national or international level. The recipients were Kerri Fuller and Craig Fisher (Baseball), Emily Clarke (Athletics), Michael Quinn (Hockey) and Leith Brodie (Swimming).

If you would like more information about the awarding of Merit Certificates please contact Council on 65 663200.



Mayor Councillor Betty Green with Craig Fuller (left) and Emily Clarke (right) after the presentation of their merit certificates at the December meeting of Council.



Columbarium Wall ready at Crescent Head

After extensive landscaping work by Council the Crescent Head Columbarium Wall, located in Belmore Street, is now ready for the interment of ashes.



The niches may be purchased from Council at a cost of \$370.35 per position. Please note, however, that arrangements for the interment of ashes and commemorative plaques should be made through a funeral director.

If you would like to know more about purchasing a niche position at the Crescent Head Columbarium Wall please contact Council on 65 663200.

ESD Strategy: Submission period extended

The public submission period for the Draft Kempsey Shire ESD Strategy has been extended to Thursday 15 February 2007. The Strategy is available in electronic format on Council's website at www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au, or alternatively hard copies are available to view at:

- Customer First Centre, Tozer Street, West Kempsey;
- Libraries at Kempsey, South West Rocks, Stuarts Point & Hat Head;
- Crescent Head Country Club;
- Willawarrin Post Office and General Store; and
- Bellbrook General Store.

All members of the broader Kempsey Shire community are invited to make a submission on the Draft Strategy. Submissions may be made by sending a written submission addressed to the General Manager, Kempsey Shire Council PO Box 78 West Kempsey NSW 2440, or by e-mail to ksc@kempsey.nsw.gov.au. Alternatively submissions can be made by completing a public exhibition submission form (a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience). An online version of this submission form is also available on Council's website (noted above).

For further information on the Draft Kempsey Shire ESD Strategy please refer to the enclosed brochure or contact Nathan Hegerty of Sustainable Development Services on (02) 6566 3200.

At the Library

Free Internet Classes

The Shire Library will be running a 2 hour session at each of its branches for people to gain a 'Brief Introduction to the internet in Everyday Life'.

The sessions will be held at:

- **Stuarts Point Library**
Thursday 8 February
(11.30am-1.30pm)
- **South West Rocks Library**
Friday 9 February
(11.30am-1.30pm)
- **Hat Head Library**
Tuesday 13 February
(11.30am-1.30pm)
- **Kempsey Library**
Wednesday 14 February
(10am-12noon)

These sessions are always popular so make sure you book early by phoning 65 663210.

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Jigsaw Puzzles Galore

If you enjoy doing Jigsaw puzzles the toy library at Kempsey Shire Library has a great range of jigsaw puzzles from 500 pieces and up.

Grandparents, parents and carers why not consider borrowing something from the toy library to help keep the kids occupied? You can choose from all types fantastic toys, board games and puzzles.

The toy library is open each Thursday and Friday from 10am-12.30pm and 2-5pm and Saturday morning 10am-1pm.

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