



April 2008

Your comments invited on Draft Management Plan until 6 May

Each year Kempsey Shire Council produces a Management Plan which outlines details of Council's work and activities for the next three years and also provides a statement of Council's revenue policy for the next twelve months.

The Draft Management Plan, Budget and proposed Fees & Charges are on public exhibition until Tuesday 6 May, 2008 at various locations around the shire including:

- Customer First Centre, Tozer Street, West Kempsey
- Crescent Head Country Club
- Libraries at Kempsey, South West Rocks & Stuarts Point
- Smithtown General Store
- Gladstone General Store
- Hat Head Bowling & Recreation Club
- Frederickton Newsagency
- Willawarrin Post Office and General Store
- Bellbrook General Store
- On Council's website (www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au)

Please have a look as your comments are invited on the Draft Management Plan in writing or at the public meeting (details below). Submissions will be received up to 4.30pm on Tuesday May 6, 2008 and will be considered prior to the adoption of the Management Plan at Council's meeting on 13 May 2008. Submissions should be addressed to the General Manager, Kempsey Shire Council, PO Box 78, West Kempsey, NSW. 2440.

Smithtown's 'Yakka Watson Reserve' opened!

The Yakka Watson Reserve was officially opened on 29 March 2008 on the site where the Smithtown tennis courts once stood. The fundraising efforts of the park committee (pictured below) and the community have been vital in bringing the project to fruition. The old tennis clubhouse will eventually be moved and will go to a new home with Hat Head Dunecare.



Above (L to R): Members of Yakka Watson Memorial Park Committee - Beverley McCormick, Cassandra Kneebone, Bob McCormick, Fay Johnston, Margaret Campell and Tania Johnson (who was absent when photo was taken) have spent many hours helping raise funds for the park.

Right: Warren Hancock and Leeton Campbell from Gladstone SES helped out on the Barbecue at the opening. The lads are after more volunteers to join Gladstone SES so if you are interested give Warren a call on 6567 4369.



WHAT TO DO WITH E-WASTE

Council is being proactive in recovering E-waste from our daily waste stream. E-waste is the new waste problem given today's throwaway society and includes computers, fax machines, printers, micro waves to name a few.

To accommodate the increase in the disposal of these items Council has set up collection points at our transfer stations and the landfill site at Crescent Head Road. The transfer stations will take all types of electrical items but only from domestic users. Domestic users can also take their items to the landfill site as well. All commercial type loads must be delivered to the landfill site for disposal in the normal processing format. Council sends the collected items to nominated processors for breakdown and return through the recycling loop.

MV COMMUNITY ART GALLERY UPDATE

Looking for a social network of people involved in the arts? Why not become a volunteer at the Macleay Valley Community Art Gallery? Volunteers attend the gallery during opening hours plus meet for social events with other volunteers. The gallery is open Thursday to Sunday 10.30am to 4pm.

Future exhibitions include: - May 1-25 - "Exhibition & Sale of Art Work" (open to all artists, any medium).

- June 5-29 - "Coastal Flow Exhibition", A selected exhibition of contemporary furniture, 2D and 3D art and craft. Artwork will reflect the artist's response, reflections or interpretations of their relationship with the coastal environment. Artists need to submit an application form to the Gallery committee for selection by close of business Friday 24 April, 2008.

If you would like to know more about the gallery or its exhibitions please contact Council on 65663200.

In Brief....

Emergency Management is all about building more sustainable communities in the face of disasters/emergency events. Check out this web link (www.pantrylist.com.au). It's a handy little site that may help you be more prepared to face an emergency.

Council staff will be removing all glass and ceramics at the Shire cemeteries during the winter months. Families member are respectfully asked to remove their precious items rather than have Council dispose of them. Please remember only plastic or metal containers are allowed as breakable items increase the risk of injury to staff and visitors at the cemeteries.

Enclosed with this rates notice & newsletter is an information brochure on 'Biodiversity'. It highlights the importance of maintaining biodiversity from an environmental, social and economic perspective. This brochure is the 2nd instalment of an overall series of environmental education brochures to be developed throughout 2008, in line with the Kempsey Shire Ecologically Sustainable Development Strategy. Keep an eye out for further information brochures, including topics such as land degradation, and climate change over the coming year. If you missed out on the first brochure on water quality, hard copies are available upon request at Council or can be downloaded from Council's website.

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Seniors' Week at the Library

The Shire Library held a very successful morning tea and information session on 8 April at Kempsey to coincide with Seniors Week. The large group of seniors who attended the event had the opportunity to learn about the fantastic resources the library can offer them such as Music and Book CDs, tapes and DVD's. Staff let them know about the Navigator service which is available for those suffering with Macular Degeneration. The Mayor and fellow Councillors also attended the function when their council meeting broke for morning tea.

Above (L to R): Mayor Councillor Betty Green catches up with Elsie Holdt and Dulcie Throughgood.

Below (L to R): Marjory Nelson, May Howell and Molly Murphy from Cedar Place all enjoyed morning tea at the library.



Development Application Online Tracking and Public Register

Council has implemented a Development Application Online Tracking system and a Public Register of Development Applications which allows easier access and tracking of lodged development applications and assists customers in gathering information through electronic media.

Online Tracking

Once a Development Application is lodged with Council, registered applicants will be provided with a secure password to log on to Council's website to track the progress of their application. You will be able to see the current status of your application, the estimated timeframes for completion and who your assessment officer is. You will also receive email notifications at certain stages of the application progress. For example, when the administration process of the application has been completed and has been allocated to an assessment officer, when a site inspection has taken place and when the determination of your application has been made.

When you log on using your password you will be able to download a pdf version of certain documents related to your application. For example, if your application has been referred

to other Government departments such as the Rural Fire Service, a copy of general correspondence in regards to your application and also a copy of your Development Determination.

You can register for this service when you lodge your application or by completing a separate Development Application Online Tracking Registration Form and submitting it to Council's Customer First Centre.

Public Register

Council has also introduced a Public Register of Development Applications. You can search for any Development Applications lodged since 1980 in Council's Public Register. Searches can be conducted by date lodged, location or application number.

Information available on the Public Register includes:-

- Current status of Lodged Applications; and
- Copies of Development Application Determinations (from 2006).

For further information regarding the DA Online Tracking and any of your planning enquiries please contact Council's Customer First Centre on (02) 6566 3200.

How can we help you?

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