

February/March 2010

Award Winners honoured on Australia Day

This year's Australia Day Celebrations have been hailed a huge success. Paul Featherstone, the Australia Day Ambassador, gave an inspirational address about the strength of the Aussie spirit. The wonderful local people recognised with Australia Day Awards were:

- Citizen of the Year - Betty Landers and Margaret Campbell
 - Young Citizen of the Year - Joe Robinson
 - Environment Award - Carol Riley
- Community Services Award - Kevin Farrowell
- Community Entertainment & Arts Award - Leonie Capararo
 - Sports Achievement Award - Lachlan Wicks

Those attending the event were entertained by the Kempsey District Silver Bank and Silver Strings. Joe Robinson, also wowed the audience with fantastic renditions of 'Waltzing Matilda' and 'Classical Gas'.

A big thank you to Dunghutti Elder, Bob Smith, who did an outstanding job as MC.

Right: The TS Calgoa Naval Cadets raise the Australian Flag on Australia Day outside the Kempsey Macleay RSL Club.

Below: Margaret Campbell (L) and Betty Landers (R) were, jointly, named Citizen of the Year.



What's in store for Seniors Week 2010

Council has a range of activities planned to celebrate NSW Seniors Week (21 – 28 March) including a Seniors Luncheon at the Kempsey Macleay RSL Club and a Seniors Art Exhibition.

The Seniors Luncheon is on Wednesday 24 March from featuring entertainment by John MacNally! The event is always popular and tickets go quickly.

The Seniors Art Prize, for people over 60 years, will consist of two categories - painting, any medium, and photography. There is a \$400 first prize for Painting and a \$250 first prize for Photography. All entries will be displayed at the Macleay Valley Community Care Centre, corner Forth and Yaelwood Streets, Kempsey from 22 to 26 March. The closing date for entries is Thursday 18 March. For more information, please phone Macleay Community Care Options on 6562 6799.

Library Events

• International Women's Day celebration

All women are invited to a party at Kempsey Library being held to celebrate International Women's Day on Monday 8 March.

A range of delicious gourmet food will be served from 4.30pm onwards, as well as handmade chocolates, tea and REAL coffee. Entertainment will include live music, dancing, drumming and presentations by a variety of local artists and other active and inspiring women.

The first performance will start at 5pm, and entry is by gold coin donation. For enquiries please call 6566 3210 or e-mail gabi.brie@kempsey.nsw.gov.au.

This event is funded by the NSW Government's Office for Women's Policy.

• Family History Research Muster

As part of Seniors Week celebrations in March 2010, Kempsey Library will hold a "Family History Research Muster" on Wednesday 24 March from 10.30am until 4.30pm. It will be a day of information and events based on researching your family history. Whether you are a beginner or have spent time already on this fascinating past-time, you are sure to find out something of interest. You can stay for the whole day or just part of the day, it's up to you!

Several experts will be on hand throughout the day to share their expertise on areas including recording and writing family history, using genealogy databases, researching local cemetery records, and the "International Geneological Index" project.

Bookings are not necessary, simply turn up at Kempsey Library on 24 March between 10.30am to 4.30pm.

YAC farewells 2 members

Macleay Valley Youth Advisory Council (YAC) farewelled two of its members, who are starting University studies in 2010. Georgie Lawrence will study Agricultural Science at UNE in Armidale and Natalie Riedel will be heading up to Lismore to study media at Southern Cross University.

At their farewell both girls spoke highly of their time with the YAC. Georgie said, 'YAC has enabled me to develop skills that will assist me at Uni and in the workplace, I would recommend it to all youth who want to make a difference in the community.'

While Natalie commented that 'We are the difference, Kempsey

needs its youth to take a lead role in ensuring we make positive contributions to the Macleay Valley, no one will do this for us'.

Both Natalie and Georgie have been longstanding members of the YAC, contributing to Youth Week, youth forums, YAC conferences and advocating for youth in Kempsey Shire Council decision making.

Council wishes both girls well in their studies and thanks them for their efforts and leadership.

This farewell leaves two positions vacant on the YAC, which is currently advertising for new members in 2010. Meetings are held every second Monday, 4.30pm at the YAC Shack on River Street, West Kempsey.

Check out the website, www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/ythserv.html for more information and application forms or phone Tess Worthing on 65 663 285.

Left: Natalie Riedel (L) and Georgie Lawrence (R) with certificates of appreciation for their efforts with the Youth Advisory Council (YAC).



2010 Medical Scholarships Awarded

Local students Lisa Killmore and Angus Hardy have each been awarded a Medical Science Scholarship to the total value of \$6,000, to commence their studies in 2010.

The scholarships are funded by an allocation of Council funds with additional financial support from the Macleay Regional Co-operative IGA and the local Rotary Clubs of Kempsey West, Kempsey and South West Rocks.

Lisa will study a Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Science at Griffith University and Angus will study Biomedical Science at the University of New England.



This is the sixth year the Scholarships have been offered and, with continued support from local corporations and organisations, Council is hopeful that the scheme will be ongoing.

Left (L to R): Angus Hardy, Lisa Killmore, Kathy Oliver (Council), Richard O'Leary (Macleay Regional Co-operative IGA & Rotary Club of West Kempsey), Councillor Liz Campbell (Rotary Club of West Kempsey), Councillor Alan Snowsill, Mayor John Bowell and Councillor Dean Saul.

In Brief...

With Kempsey Show and its fabulous fireworks display looming on 20 & 21 April it is timely to remind animal owners, especially dog owners, that loud noises, such as firecrackers, may cause your animal to become agitated and escape its yard.

Please take particular care to ensure your animal is safe and comfortably secure when the Show's fireworks are scheduled to go off on the Tuesday evening.

If you missed the flood terminology article in September's newsletter the information is now on our website at www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au - go to the 'General Information' tab, scroll down and click on 'Flood Warning Terms'.

Kempsey Toy Library is for everyone, kids and adults alike. There are a wide variety of items for loan including jigsaws and puzzles, board games, construction sets, toys for toddlers and pre-schoolers, train sets, doll houses, slides, activity toys, and farms. The Toy Library is located at the Kempsey Shire Library in Elbow Street West Kempsey and its borrowing hours are:

- **Thursday & Friday**

10am - 12.30pm

2pm - 5pm

- **Saturday**

10am - 1pm

Borrowing is for 3 weeks at a time and there is a limit of one toy per child but no more than 2 per family. Daycare mums, pre-schools, schools and grandparents are also welcome to borrow.

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) has preparations for Youth Week celebrations well in hand. A special event 'AMP UR SHIRE' will be held at Chappell Park near the Skate Park in Belgrave Street, Kempsey on Saturday 17 April from 10am. For more information on this great event please visit the Youth page on Council's website at www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au.

Persons wishing to address Council about matters raised in Council's business paper must lodge an application form prior to addressing the meeting, either electronically, by hand or mail no later than 4.30pm the day before the meeting. There may only be one speaker 'for' and one speaker 'against' for any issue contained in a particular business paper. Public Forum speakers are given five minutes each to speak. Councillors may ask questions after the speaker has spoken.

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