



MAYORAL REPORT

10th October 2006

MM5 **MAYORAL ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER**
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SUMMARY:

Mayoral activities for September 2006



DESCRIPTION:

It has been a very busy month since my election as Mayor and I feel that I should keep council informed of activities undertaken on behalf of Council and our shire:-

- ♦ Local Government Sustainability Conference in Sydney for 2 days. This was a very informative conference and demonstrated that our draft ESD strategy is heading in the right direction. Refer Mayoral Report MM2.
- ♦ Relay for Life at SWR where the organising committee raised over \$95,000.00 during a fun 24 hours. A good demonstration of community in action.
- ♦ Emergency Services Thanksgiving Service at the Kempsey Uniting Church which acknowledged our quiet achievers who protect us all in our lovely valley.
- ♦ A quick trip to "Celebrate the Macleay" and discovered some Macleay Valley businesses which I was not aware of.
- ♦ Council Workshop on our 10 year budget projections.
- ♦ Crocfest Official opening and tour.
- ♦ Presentation from SES.
- ♦ Environment Defenders Office Seminar on Part 3A of EP&A Act which was very informative especially on the implications to these recent amendments.

- ♦ Men's Shed workshop with a committee to progress its establishment. This also identified that we already have at least two already operating informally.
- ♦ Macleay Options Networking presentation which again identified commercial activity which is taking place quietly throughout the Valley.
- ♦ Opening of the Fiber Artists Network exhibition and sale at the Macleay Valley Community Art Gallery at Gladstone. There are some very talented people in our shire. This is well worth a visit before it closes.
- ♦ And finally a welcome to the State Saleyards Committee who held their regular meeting in our Committee Room following a tour of our Saleyards with which they were very impressed. Yes I did put in a plug for us hosting their conference in the future supported by Director Snape.

As I said it had been very busy but also a great learning curve.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- ***Social***

Nil

- ***Economic (Financial)***

Nil

- ***Policy or Statutory***

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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E A Green
MAYOR