



MAYORAL REPORT - SUPPLEMENTARY

12th December 2006

MM1	KEMPSEY SHOWGROUND
SUPP	FILE: LA2942 EAG {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

Reporting on discussions with the Minister for Lands, Mr Tony Kelly, MP, regarding Kempsey Showground.



DESCRIPTION:

A meeting was held with the Minister for Lands Mr. Tony Kelly, MP, on Thursday, 7 December 2006, to discuss issues associated with the Kempsey Showground. This centred around Kempsey Shire Council being prepared to take over management of the Showgrounds if the Department of Lands (Ministry responsible for the site) brings the buildings up to a reasonable standard. This is necessary as Kempsey Council is not in a position to expend funds, to the extent required, for such works from our general funds.

While the Minister was sympathetic to our needs he felt that the department was not in a position to provide such an undertaking. However as some of the buildings are Heritage listed there may be an avenue for Federal Funding. If this was possible then the Department may be in a position to assist including current outstanding loans.

There was further discussion on possible funding options which included sale of some of the associated lands and additional uses for the site to increase revenue for upkeep.

ACTION REQUIRED:

- Investigate Federal Grants (Heritage and others)
- Investigate possible sale of part of site
- Investigate other possible uses for Showground to increase the revenue base.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

If successful it would improve built environment of site.

- **Social**

If successful provide an improved venue for community activities and ensure that a community icon was retained.

- **Economic (Financial)**

If successful it would reduce the potential for the site to be a continuing drain on Council's resources.

- **Policy or Statutory**

If the above actions are successful then Kempsey Shire Council would take over responsibility for the Kempsey Showground from the Showground Trust.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above actions be implemented with a report back to Council for the April 2007 meeting before any decision is made.

MM2 SUPP	MAYORAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2006 FILE: 380 EAG {Folio No. *}
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the Mayoral activity report for November 2006



DESCRIPTION:

Attended the Formal Opening of the Water saving system at Crescent Head Pool by Federal Minister for Transport and Regional Activities, our local MP, Mr. Mark Vaile.

Meeting with Local Federal MPs Mr Mark Vaile (Lyne) and Mr Luke Hartsuyker (Cowper) during which the Mayors from their respective electorates outlined their issues of concern for the upcoming Federal election.

Opening of the extensions of the South West Rocks Surf Club with Mr Luke Hartsuyker (Cowper) and Kaye Griffin MLC representing the Minister for Sport & Recreation, Sandra Nori.

Police Commendation Ceremony, for Region, held at Salvation Army Citadel in Port Macquarie at which several of our local police received awards.

Special meeting with the Department of Housing and other key stakeholders to discuss Aboriginal Housing issues.

Attendance at Community Consultation Workshops at Willawarrin, Crescent Head, Kempsey, South West Rocks, Stuarts Point and Smithtown. While the numbers were disappointing the input from those

who did attend was very good. We now move forward to the next phase of the consultation to commence on 20 January 2007. Submissions will be accepted from other interested parties up to the 19 January 2007.

Unveiling plaque commencing one of the five historical walks throughout the Macleay (others to come). Erected by the Macleay Historical society.

Presentation of 'runner up' in Clean Beach Challenge at Balmoral.

Country Mayors and Pacific Highway Task Force in Sydney (Minutes will be circulated when received).

Floodplain Authorities meeting in Sydney (Minutes will be circulated when received).

Presentation at Kempsey Adventist School.

Kempsey High Year 12 formal and Presentation night.

Naturalization Ceremonies - 1

Meetings with Community Groups

Kempsey Ratepayers
Kempsey Pensioners League
Hat Head Community Group
Gowings Hill Action Group
Stuart's Point Community Group Executive
Friends of SWR's
Rainbow Reach group.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental nil***

Nil.

- ***Social***

Nil.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

Nil.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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E A Green
MAYOR