



MAYORAL REPORT

14th November 2006

MM3	MAYORAL ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 2006
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on a summary of Mayoral activities for October 2006



DESCRIPTION:

Short appearance at Council Staff Picnic

Meeting with a community member and Mrs Mottee on issues with Customer First Centre. It soon became obvious that the community member did not understand Council procedures and processes. As the discussion progressed the community member was impressed by how council actually operates and not as perceived by himself.

This highlighted that many of our community do not understand how council actually operates and so we (Council) need to get the message out into the community.

Meeting with the Department of Lands to discuss their proposals for Goolawah and Grassy Head reserves, with a letter to be forwarded for our November Council meeting. (See also MM2).

Attended the regional launch of Telstra New 'G' network in Port Macquarie. Looks good however it will give us no more coverage than the current CDMA network initially and may improve with additional towers in the future.

Meeting with community members re Fly-in at Airport over the New Year weekend December 2006. The proposal is currently with council for processing.

Meet with five other community members/groups to discuss areas of interest.

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Proposal to light up our Christmas decorations this year with 1 metre of lights being added to present decorations. Council has agreed to fund two such decorations.

Attended the Willawarrin Flower show.

Lunch with Country energy to discuss areas of interest including a proposal to be involved in Council's future art competitions.

Pre opening TV interview at the Crescent Head pool, with the actual formal opening to be early in November 2006.

Attendance at Annual Poets and Pretzels presentation night of the Kempsey Writers group held at Kempsey Heights.

Attendance at Macleay Water's high school debate on recycled water. After this any discussion on recycling water will never be the same.

Opening of the Carers Expo at Riverside Park which was very well attended.

Naturalization of 7 new Australian Citizens and discussion with TAFE students on Council's role in the community.

Attendance at Local Government & Shires Association Leaders Forum (see separate report).

Opening of Bellimbopinni and Gladstone's Schools exposition "The Hat, the Head and the Habitat" at the Macleay Valley Community Art Gallery (Gladstone). Very good display especially from young children.

Slim Dusty Country Music night (fund raiser) and opening of Kempsey Singers new play "Hating Alison Ashley" which included several of our high school students.

Meeting with Aboriginal Land Council Chairman on reported Relocation of Aboriginal people to Kempsey.

I, Crs Hunt, Saul and McWilliams attended the presentation of Coastline Credit Union Foundation awards at Brindabella followed that evening by Cr, McWilliams, Gribbin and myself attending the opening of the revamped premises at South West Rocks. Also attended the first AGM of the Macleay Valley Tourist Association and Kempsey Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting.

Attendance at Local Government Association Conference (see separate report).

It has been a very busy month meeting with many of our community's groups.

Thank you for the support of all involved.

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