



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

## **MAYORAL REPORT**

16 January 2007

<b>MM1</b>	<b>MAYORAL ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 2006</b>
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### **SUMMARY:**

List of Mayoral activities for December 2006.

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

Visited Domestic Violence Day in Kempsey Mall. While not a very active shopping day the stall reported many people interested in the subject with a lot of information given out.

Meeting with community member to discuss future aquaculture development proposal.

Attended the South West Rocks Senior Citizens' Christmas function. Once again a very enjoyable day.

Opening of Bellbrook picnic shelter and attended local Christmas Party. Another very good evening. Outstanding work for the shelter is connecting electricity. A local suggestion is possibly solar energy?

Community consultation with Aboriginal community.

Community consultation at Smithtown. Again poorly attended but vocal.

Meeting with honourable Tony Kelly MP, Minister for Lands in Sydney (report provided to November Council meeting).

Attended LGSA Christmas function with Councillor Hayes and General Manager.

Attended South West Rocks Anglican Church's 90th Birthday.

Attended Council Staff Christmas Party for short period of time (due to other commitments).

Meeting with South West Rock's Ratepayers (see MM2).

Meeting with members of Kempsey CBD businesses (MM3). Attended U3A presentation and Christmas Party at South West Rocks.

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Also received a presentation on behalf of Council from the developers of the Post Card Development Project. The post cards have been distributed throughout the Macleay Valley as a tourist promotion and are very well put together. Thank you to the following people for their work involved and the development of future projects by the participants;

- Kathy Wilson (H&H Kempsey)
- Leo Meier – Local Photographer
- John Shearer – Team NSW

Drawing of the IGA car raffle in Kempsey.

Also took the opportunity to have some further discussion with Kempsey West Rotary members re our proposed Drought Assistance project (see separate report).

Also participated in the book launch by three of our local authors Allan Wade, William (Bill) Killmore and Patrick McDermott. This was very well attended with a lot of interest being shown in the achievements of our local literary talent.

Meeting with CSIRO re proposal for a partnership venture (see separate report).

Meeting with Macleay Funerals to discuss their future expansion plans.

Carols by Candlelight in Riverside Park.

Attended Aged Care Christmas party organised by Shire Council Aged Care Services. This was a very well organised and run day and our staff are to be congratulated on their efforts. I was accompanied by 9 residents from BDAC who had a very enjoyable day.

Meeting with Councillor Bowell and Regional Director of TAFE, Elizabeth McGregor and Nursing advisor Di Paton. While the initial discussion was on local courses to provide training for Mental Health Services (community based) we also took the opportunity to discuss additional courses which may be of benefit to our Shire. This was a very fruitful discussion with further discussion in 2007. We also discussed the possibility of Nursing as a VET subject in local schools being an option in 2007 or 2008. You will recall that this was an area of identified need from our January 2006 meeting with Regional Partners and Area Consultative Committee Workshop.

This was followed by St Joseph's presentation evening at Melville High Auditorium.

Unveiling of memorial to those "lost but not forgotten" in our East Kempsey Cemetery. While many of those in the recently identified graves are Aboriginal there are also some non Aboriginal burials in this area. This was a very moving ceremony and is another step towards healing in our community.

St Paul's presentation night at RSL.

Meeting with Kempsey Shire Youth Council and presentation of certificates. Another very good night. We will be hearing more from these young people.

Presentation in conjunction with sponsors of the Christmas Lights competition at the Argus office.

Carols by Candlelight at Warwick Park. This was a very well organised and presented evening and the MC was Steve McDonald. All those involved from the presenters, Argus, organisers, volunteers and sponsors are to be congratulated on a very good evening. Warwick Park was packed with residents of all ages with most people joining in. The evening was the finale to the 'Shop in Kempsey' promotion by the Argus, Chamber of Commerce and business houses in Kempsey. All are to be congratulated on the effort which has been put in and the community for supporting their local businesses.

Meeting with Slim Dusty Centre (see separate report).

Another busy month but well worth it.

Other community meetings/activities have been attended by Councillors Bowell, Hunt, Saul and Walker during the month. Thank you to all.

#### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- *Environmental*

*Nil*

- *Social*

*Engaging and involving the community helps build community cohesion.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*Some community activities have assisted in retaining resources in Kempsey Shire.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil*

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the information be noted.**

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**E A Green  
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