



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

MAYORAL REPORT - SUPPLEMENTARY

16th January 2007

MM6	NOVEMBER COMMUNITY MEETINGS
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SUMMARY:

Report on meetings with Kempsey Ratepayers, Hat Head Community Group and the Friends of South West Rocks

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DESCRIPTION:

Meetings were held with the Kempsey and Hat Head Ratepayers, and Friends of South West Rocks in November below is a list of the issues raised by the different community groups.

Kempsey Ratepayers: -

- Amount of travel of Councillors and senior staff at ratepayer's expense.
- Public toilets in the Mall Baby Change room, "Why isn't disinfectant used to clean & a dryer, paper hand towel installed - some method that works to dry hands after use?"
- What is happening to our local hospital as the Action Group no longer functioning – who is keeping community informed?
- Is Council keeping a check on Baby Health Centre in Marsh Street as Centre has a history of poor standards?
- A program in the media (ABC's 'Landline') stated Kempsey being considered for a nuclear power plant. Is this true?
- Discussion regarding ratepayers saying "No!" to proposed rate rise.
- What is happening regarding proposed new hospital?
- Grass mowing, noxious weeds such as pivot, what is being done?
- Saleyards losing \$46,000 this year, is this correct?
- If Kempsey is chosen as site for National Saleyards Conference would the shire make or lose money?
- What is KSC doing for the rural community, particularly full time farmers?
- Why didn't councillors inspect Rainbow Reach Road? It was not treated twice, local residents have stated only treated once.
- Christmas decorations – why isn't more being done?
- Why there are so many empty shops in Kempsey, are the rents too high?
- Ratepayers saying "No!" to fluoridation,

Hat Head Ratepayers: -

- Public Toilets at Hat Head possibly in Recreation area as you come into town, near Tennis courts?
Further discussion identified that there are already public toilets in the public areas of the Caravan Park. However most members of the general public think this is a private area (Caravan Park) and so do not pursue these. Rather than additional public toilets need better signage identifying the public facilities (toilets and barbecue/picnic areas) within the park.
- Accumulation of rubbish from holiday houses due to cleaning out houses and not normal rubbish day. Dump on way out of village?
- Helicopter landing area. Some Hat Head community members do not believe that council are putting two only cabins on the caravan park at this time. Further that these are nowhere near the helicopter landing area.
- Problems of creek bank erosion due to vehicles driving off Barnett Drive onto the creek bank causing break away of soil and vegetation.
- Inappropriate use of recreation area by some local resident storage of equipment etc.

Friends of South West Rocks: -

- Removal of Rangers Retreat and other cottages in paragon Ave
- Old School house, site and unauthorised clearing of site.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- ***Social:***

Meeting with community groups improves social cohesion.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

Nil

- ***Policy or Statutory:***

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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MAYOR