



September 2021 Newsletter

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Once again we are facing a COVID-19 outbreak and enforcement of new [COVID-19 safe regulations](#) in our state. The Economic Development Team continues to advocate on behalf of, and assist business within our region. Please don't hesitate to contact Ali Briggs directly with any issues, concerns or good news stories.

COVID Support Programs

The NSW Government today announced an additional \$3.9 billion in funding, including \$1.5 billion from the Commonwealth, as part of its COVID-19 economic support package providing ongoing assistance to businesses and individuals affected by current lockdown restrictions across the State.

The support package Includes:

- COVID-19 business grant
- COVID-19 micro business grant
- JobSaver payment
- Small Business fees and charges rebate
- Payroll tax support

[Read more here.](#)

We have collated assistance information for you on the [Kempsey Shire Council Website](#).

Kempsey Shire Council supports businesses through Covid with the [#KempseyCares campaign](#).

Business Advisor

NORTEC Small Business Solutions offer Business Connect Advisors to assist businesses with business planning and support. Tony Brindley is our local Business Advisor and can be reached on [0409 117 079](tel:0409117079) or alternatively a session can be booked here -

[Book Advisor \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

COVID Vaccination Information

There are a range of resources available to assist businesses owners to make decisions and inform staff regarding vaccinations. For the latest and most up-to-date information visit the below websites and download the Business kit.

- [COVID-19 vaccination – Business kit | Australian Government Department of Health](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccines | Australian Government Department of Health](#)



Seedlab Australia

This program aims to help businesses start, scale and grow to pitch to major retailers through a program of training and support from industry experts spanning business strategy, production, range, distribution and branding. It builds on the pilot

incubator program with startups

Eligible applicants include food producers with the potential to scale and thrive in retail across innovative, high growth categories such as health and wellness, sustainably produced, and plant-based products.

For further information visit [Macleay Grant Hub \(grantguru.com.au\)](http://grantguru.com.au)



Strengthening Business Service

The Strengthening Business Service is a free service to assist bushfire affected businesses to recover, grow and become more resilient, recognising that many businesses have also been devastated by COVID and the recent flood event. Businesses should be eligible for this service if they were engaged in business with an ABN during the bushfires (1 Aug 19 – 29 Feb 20) and were impacted either directly or indirectly by the fires. If eligible, a Strengthening Business facilitator will work with you to create and help implement a roadmap for your business going forward.

The Strengthening Business Application is done [online](#).



Biodiversity Strategy Feedback Sought

Council has published a draft Biodiversity Strategy on Your Say Macleay.

The draft Biodiversity Strategy aims to balance the Macleay Valley's rich environment with sustainable development and population growth and is open for community feedback.

Have your say by visiting [Kempsey Shire Biodiversity Strategy](#).

The NSW Government is modernising and streamlining animal welfare laws and they are inviting you to have your say.

The [Animal Welfare Reform – Discussion Paper](#) (Discussion Paper) is now open for public consultation and it marks an important step towards implementing up-to-date animal welfare laws.

The NSW Government is committed to engaging with the community throughout the reform process. If you have any other ideas or comments that are not specifically considered by the Discussion Paper, please feel free to provide them.

You can have your say before 17 September 2021 by filling out an [online survey here](#).

The AgriFutures™ Rural Women's Award - Nominations Open

If you are a woman with a vision who is creating impact, innovating, making a difference, or contributing to enhancing the prosperity of rural and regional NSW or the ACT, you are encouraged to nominate for the 2022 AgriFutures NSW/ACT Rural Women's Award.

It identifies and supports women's contribution to primary industries and rural communities by providing financial assistance, mentoring, resources and support via its nation-wide network of business and community leaders for selected state winners.

The 2022 AgriFutures NSW/Act Rural Women's Award nominations will open on 26 August and close on 8 October 2021. Nominees are required to be over 18, and have an existing project, business or program which is already live and running, or will be launched very soon.

Application form and detailed award guidelines can be found at [Rural Women's Award | AgriFutures Australia](#), or contact Lauren Wilkins at the NSW Department of Primary Industries on 02 6391 3100 or rural.women@dpi.nsw.gov.au.



Kempsey Florist Featured in 'The Land'

THE LAND



ELLERSLIE FLOWERS: KEMPSEY

As a locally owned florist, Leanne Davies from Ellerslie Flowers sources her flowers and foliage from the best flower farms on the Macleay Valley and surrounding areas - buying local wherever they can.

To read the full article check out ['The Land'](#)

Feral Deer

Feral deer are an emerging pest in North Coast Local Land Services and are being found establishing in new locations.

Feral deer have a range of economic impacts to the farming community including: competition with livestock for grazing resources; crop damage and potential spread of disease and ticks. Feral deer can also have significant human health and social impacts.

Feral deer around peri-urban areas expose the community to risk of vehicle accidents and also represent a public nuisance where they damage urban amenities including residential gardens.

Residents are asked to record any Feral deer sightings on FeralScan <https://www.feralscan.org.au/> or by calling the North Coast Local Land Services on 1300 795 299.

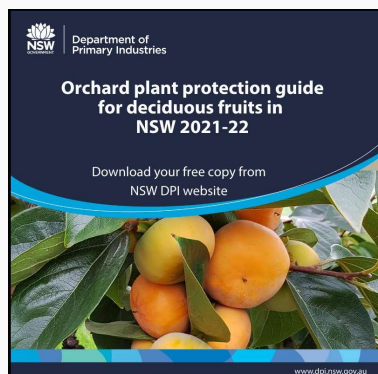


Orchard plant protection guide for deciduous fruits in NSW

Commercial deciduous fruit growers can protect your orchard with the latest information in pest and disease management.

The 2021-22 edition of the *Orchard plant protection guide for deciduous fruits in NSW* is the latest in a series of annual publications that have supported the pest and disease management decisions of generations of NSW temperate fruit producers. The guide is recognised as a respected and valuable reference for temperate fruit industries.

Details on how to download are found on the NSW DPI [Website](#).



Online Cheese and Yoghurt Making Workshop

Learn how to make your own cheese and yoghurt using simple household ingredients and equipment. This workshop includes a demonstration on how to make cream cheese and labneh, the various ways you can make yoghurt using items you likely already have (and no fancy yoghurt maker required), the best dairy milks and non-dairy alternatives to use, and delicious recipes that utilise your homemade cheese and yoghurt.

Numbers are limited for this collaborative, free virtual event and bookings are essential. Please register here: mnclibrary.org.au/event/online-cheese-workshop/.



Masterclass in Dairy Farm Management

The Masterclass in Dairy Farm Management is designed to equip current and future dairy farm managers with the capabilities required to run profitable and sustainable farm businesses. A hands-on course that provides practical, contemporary content with academic insights allows participants to apply theory to practice within an existing farm business from day one.

To apply and learn more, including information about entry requirements and course fees, visit utas.edu.au/dairy-masterclass

 An advertisement for the University of Tasmania's Dairy Farm Management Masterclass. It features a photograph of a woman in a field with cows. The text includes:

UNIVERSITY of TASMANIA

Masterclass in Dairy Farm Management

As dairy farm businesses become increasingly dynamic, the dairy industry requires highly capable people to be farm managers of the future.

Graduate Diploma of Agribusiness
 > VIEW COURSE DETAILS
 Specialisation: Dairy Management
 Duration: Min 1 year, Max 3 years
 Location: Online
 Intake: Half Year, Study Period 1

Community Grants Program



Council is pleased to announce that the 2021-2022 Community Grant Program will open on August 3rd.

In 2021-2022 the grants streams available will be:

- Mayoral Community Fund
- Community Safety Grants
- Environmental Levy Grants
- Sporting Grants
- Youth Grants
- Bushfire Recovery Grants

Information sessions outlining the eligibility criteria, available programs and how to apply at this stage, due to the ongoing uncertainty of Covid restrictions, take place online via Zoom.

If however you would like to meet face-to-face, please contact Paul Koch on 0438 558 775 or paul.koch@kempsey.nsw.gov.au to discuss a time, location and how this can be done in a safe setting.

Please note Paul is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only.

For more information on the Community Grant Program and to register for a Zoom information session go to: <https://yoursay.macleay.nsw.gov.au/communitygrants>