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Flood Updates

[Details on the current flood situation are available via council's website](#)

Local Oyster Farmers Clean up the Macleay River



Last week local oyster farmers participated in a clean up of the Macleay River as a part of their annual Tide to Tip event to ensure that our local river system remains healthy.

Our oyster farmers have a close relationship with their local environment. Oyster farmers have an intimate knowledge of their local environment and regularly collect the rubbish that is found floating in the estuary. Thanks to their diligence, the river is a cleaner place for marine life to thrive.

The Tide to Tip event, sponsored by OceanWatch, highlights the need to keep the estuary clean and raises awareness about the importance of a healthy river system. To help with their efforts, Council & Cleanaway supported the event with free waste disposal. Tide to Tip not only provides a way for fishers and farmers to give back to their estuaries on which their livelihoods depend but helps to make sure that Australian waterways remain pristine and healthy for the generations to come.

Workshop: Win More Council Work



Would you like to win council work?

If so come along to learn about local government procurement and how you can put your business in a winning position.

The workshop will provide information on:

- How local government purchasing works
- Changes in local procurement
- Upcoming opportunities
- How to put your business in a position to win local government contracts
- How to access support to help your business grow

This workshop will help small business's build capacity to win more contracts.

Date: Tuesday 15 March, 2022

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Venue: Kempsey Shire Council, Committee Room

Cost: Free

RSVP: [Eventbrite](#)

Refreshments will be provided.

This workshop has received funding from the NSW Government, Small Business Month Program. For a full program of events visit [Upcoming Activities – NSW Small Business Month | 1 – 31 March 2022](#)



STRENGTH, SUPPORT & COMMUNITY LAUNCH PARTY 2022!

Willawarrin Hall
Sat 12 March, 4-8pm
FREE film, food, drinks & entertainment into the night!

4-6pm Stalls & info on the 2022 program of activities, workshops & DRA's Willawarrin Resilience Project

5:30pm **FREE BURGER & CHIPS** for the first 100 registrations

6:30pm Free screening *Black Summer & Beyond* documentary

Help us get rid of TROPICAL SODA APPLE in the Macleay

Register now for your **FREE burger & Chips** visit:
ksc.pub/ssc-events

Funded in parts by: the Australian and NSW Governments' joint funding of the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund Tropical Soda Apple project, the National Bushfire Community Resilience & Economic Recovery Fund, and the Bushfire Community Resilience & Economic Recovery Fund - Phase 2

READINESS RECOVERY
KEMPSEY Shire Council

Autumn Produce Check

Do you have a product that you can supply from your farm gate to local restaurants and cafes in Autumn

2022?

Kempsey Shire Council is launching an amazing new project that links seasonal produce to local restaurants and cafes menu's and celebrates the quality local seasonal produce the region has to offer.

Restaurants and cafes are not chasing large quantities, just reliable and consistent produce!

Please email: agriculture@kempsey.nsw.gov.au with your details and the produce you would like to supply.

Get Ready for the Future : Burgers and Brainstorm at Bucket Brewery

Wouldn't it be nice if you had the ability to disaster-proof your business? According to some experts, it just might be possible.

Enjoy a FREE burger from Kempsey sensation Lumberjack Grill while acclaimed entrepreneur and futurist, Gus Balbontin, shares preparedness strategies to help drive your business to new heights and build its resilience to possible future disruptions, such as natural disasters.

Gus Balbontin, the former Executive Director of Lonely Planet, has experience leading a company through significant cultural, structural and product transformations to put the business back in a position to tackle a digital future.

More recently, he has been focused on the education of the next cohort of entrepreneurs and innovators.

Gus has earned his description as a futurist through his ability to help people focus on what they can control, enabling them to handle anything the future may throw at them.

Amanda and Sam will have the bar open from 5pm. Grab your team and join Gus for a very special 'Get Ready for the Future' speaking event for suggestions on ways to future-proof your own business and the chance to ask an expert directly for advice that could save you time – and possibly your business.

**Get
Ready**

for the future

Join entrepreneur,
**Gus
Balbontin**

and find out how
to future-proof
your business

**Bucket
Brewery**

Wednesday
30 March
Bar open 5pm,
event starts 6pm

**FREE
ENTRY
FREE
MEAL**

Register your spot at:

**ksc.pub/
future-proof**



GET READY
For disasters



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

Strengthening Business Service

Strengthening Business Service is a free service that assists bushfire affected businesses to recover, grow and become more resilient, recognising that many businesses have also been devastated by COVID-19 and the 2021 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 application is available [online](#)

Apply for the Small Business Fees and Charges Rebate

If you're a sole trader, the owner of a small business or a not-for-profit organisation in NSW, you may be eligible for a small business fees and charges rebate of \$2,000.

This rebate helps businesses recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and encourages growth by reducing the cost of running a business. Eligible businesses or not-for-profits only need to apply for the rebate once, but can submit multiple claims until the full value of \$2,000 is reached.

Funds can be used to offset the costs of eligible NSW and local government fees and charges due and paid from 1 March 2021. These include, but are not limited to:

- food authority licences
- liquor licences
- tradesperson licences
- event fees
- outdoor seating fees
- council rates
- road user tolls for business use.

More details available on [Service NSW](#)

Emergency Preparedness Information Session

In partnership with nbn™, this event is part of the Macleay Seniors Festival program. Come along to a free community information session and learn more about the nbn™ broadband access network. Don't miss a great opportunity to have your questions answered!

- Learn what to expect from the nbn™ access network
- Discover what technology is available for you
- Understand how to connect

- How to be prepared for emergencies

Location: Willawarrin Community Hall, 24-26 Main Street

Date and Time: Saturday, 26 March 2022 from 09:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Bookings are essential.

[Register online](#) or by calling the Kempsey Library on (02) 6566 3210

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