

# Keeping the Shire Connected



## Message from the General Manager

I had the privilege during 2019 to support Council staff in making a tangible and measurable difference throughout the Shire. The value of a committed and passionate team was never more evident than in the last third of the year.

We provided practical support, information and advocacy for those affected by the bushfires. Our roles will continue on Regional Recovery Committees and in seeking to reduce the red tape and complications for communities needing to rebuild.

Our crews not only worked tirelessly to repair fire affected infrastructure, we built vital community facilities. The Back Creek Footbridge and amenities at South West Rocks, Stage One of the Stuarts Point Foreshore revitalisation and the Hat Head boat ramp and car park were all delivered by Council staff ahead of the peak holiday period.

Looking into the year ahead, I am confident that Council staff will continue to deliver exceptional service, work with and alongside our community and keep striving to be 'Better Together.'

Craig Milburn  
General Manager



## Farm Feast with Lyndey Milan

Celebrity chef, Lyndey Milan, will host a two-day food event showcasing some of the Macleay's best produce.

Lyndey, a familiar face on television and in print, has produced several cookbooks and television series. She was also awarded



Kempsey Shire Council presents

# MACLEAY SENIORS FESTIVAL

2020 11-23  
FEBRUARY

## 2020 Macleay Seniors Festival

The contributions of seniors will be celebrated with a diverse program of events for the 2020 Macleay Seniors Festival from February 11-23.

The festival officially opens on Tuesday, February 11 with a Seniors Expo at the Slim Dusty Centre from 10am to 2pm. Hosted by celebrity chef, Lyndey Milan, the expo will be a one-stop shop for seniors, providing access to over 30 exhibitors showcasing local services and resources.

Proudly supported by Council, Home Instead Senior Care Mid North Coast and Macleay Valley Village - Thompson Health Care, the festival's schedule is full to the brim with events. It will include music sessions, line dancing, craft workshops, sport workshops, high teas and much more.

Seniors will also have the chance to take the grandkids along to see Taronga Zoo's 'Animals of the Dreaming' with popular musician Col Hardy. The Zoo Mobile will be at Wigay Park on Tuesday, February 18 from 10:30am to 1pm.

The following day, Stuarts Point will host a Mini Festival from 9am to 4pm. There will be cake decorating workshops, sing-a-long sessions, a lure making workshop and more.

A free bus service from Kempsey to Stuarts Point will be available to and from the event. Bookings can be made through Council's Customer Service Centre and are encouraged as seating will be limited.

**Event programs are available at either Kempsey Shire Library or Council's Customer Service Centre. Alternatively, go to Council's website for more information: [www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/seniors](http://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/seniors)**

an Order of Australia Medal for her service to hospitality, the food and wine industry and the community.

Lyndey will be in town on Tuesday, February 11 to host the two-day Farm Feast event. It will kick off at 5:30pm with a dinner and talk at the Garden Bar and Kitchen in Frederickton.

On Wednesday, February 12 Lyndey will share her insights on developing your own agri-tourism venture at the Gladstone Hall from 10am-12pm before hosting a long table lunch overlooking the Macleay River in Gladstone Park from 12pm-1:30pm. The lunch will be catered by local café, Steam & Cedar.

After the lunch, guests will be encouraged to take part in a self-driving tour of two Macleay Valley producers' properties for special guided tours from 1pm-4:30pm.

**Bookings are essential. To purchase tickets, search 'Farm Feast Macleay Valley Coast' on Eventbrite: [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)**



## What is the difference between Level 3 and Level 4 Water Restrictions?

Under Level 3, gardens and lawns can be watered using handheld hoses for a maximum of 10 minutes every second day between 4pm and 9am using the 'odds and evens' system. No sprinklers or soaker hoses can be used.

Residents can use buckets and trigger hose rinsing for washing cars, boats and trailers, limited to once a week.

Topping up of swimming pools is allowed by hand-held hose for a maximum of 10 minutes between 4pm and 9am on allocated 'odds and evens' days.

Under Level 4, all outdoor potable water use is banned. Residents can only use grey or rainwater on gardens. There is a total ban on sprinklers or garden irrigation systems. No car or boat washing is permitted (outboard motor flushing permitted day of use for 1 minute only), and swimming pool top ups are also banned.

Under both restrictions, the outdoor cleaning of windows, walls, roofs, gutters, driveways and paved areas is banned, unless required as a result of an accident, emergency or health hazard.

Community compliance is vital if we are to avoid a move to Level 4.

For more information on the dos and don'ts and the FAQs, visit: [www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/restrictions](http://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/restrictions)

# MONITORING YOUR WATER USAGE IS *Easy*

Your water meter provides a quick and easy way of monitoring your household water consumption. Just follow these easy steps.



- Step 1** Take an initial meter reading, noting the date and time.
- Step 2** Take a second reading on the eighth day around the same time of day as the initial reading.
- Step 3** Calculate your weekly usage by deducting the first reading from the second reading.
- Step 4** Divide by the number of days to get your daily usage (7 in this instance).
- Step 5** Divide your daily usage by the number of people in your home to get litres per person, per day.

## LEVEL 3: VERY HIGH



### WASHING CAR, BOAT TRAILER, TRUCK OR CARAVAN

#### PERMITTED

Once a week in lieu of watering gardens and lawns on the 'odds and evens' calendar day matching your house number between 4pm to 9am using buckets on lawn or gravel ONLY.

Use of commercial car wash facility any time.

#### BANNED

Washing of vehicles on 31st of the month.

Use of hoses or pressure cleaners to wash cars, boats, trailers, trucks or caravans.



### SWIMMING POOLS, SPA POOLS, PONDS & FOUNTAINS



### GARDENS & LAWNS PERMITTED

Every second day using the 'odds and evens' calendar days matching your house number using hand held hose fitted with cut off trigger or control nozzle for max. of 10mins/day between 4pm-9am.

#### BANNED

Watering on 31st of month.

ALL sprinklers, micro-sprinklers and irrigation systems.

#### PERMITTED

New pools may be filled only with the written consent of Council (limited to 2 per month).

Topping up allowed by handheld hose only for 10mins max. and only between 4pm-9am on allocated "odds and evens" calendar days.

#### BANNED

Emptying/filling of existing pools.



### WASHING PAVED AREAS & DRIVEWAYS

#### PERMITTED

Handheld hose fitted with cut off trigger or control nozzle or pressure cleaner used for health and/or safety reasons only, such as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.

#### BANNED

Hosing and pressure cleaning any hardstand area/driveway or use chemicals or cleaning products.



### CLEANING WINDOWS, HOUSES, ROOFS & GUTTERS

#### PERMITTED

Buckets or pressure cleaners ONLY for health and safety reasons such as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard or other emergency.



### BOAT MOTORS USED IN A SALTWATER ENVIRONMENT (INC. BOAT & TRAILER)

#### PERMITTED

**Boat motors:** Hand held hose or 'muffs' for 1min on a lawn or gravel area on day of use only.

**Boat and trailer:** Spot rinse with bucket and sponge on lawn or gravel area on day of use only.

**NOTE:** Full wash only limited to once a week using the "odds and evens" calendar days matching your house number.

#### BANNED

Watering on 31st of month.

Use of hoses or pressure cleaners to wash boats and trailers.

#### BANNED

Hosing or pressure cleaning windows, houses, roofs or gutters.