

Rally backs jailed grower

SUPPORTERS of jailed medical marijuana campaigner Tony Bower staged a rally in his support at the office of Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner on Tuesday.

Mr Bower was sentenced to 12 months jail for commercial cultivation of marijuana in April. He is in custody while he appeals the sentence.

Mr Bower's Mullaways Medical Marijuana company based on Maria River Rd was raided by police in March 2012 and more than 200 plants were seized.

Mr Bower, 56, has always maintained that the cannabis was for medicinal use, producing pain relief for people with terminal illness, or those who found cannabis more effective than conventional commercial drugs.

He said it was distributed free to registered patients.

Mr Bower's wife Julie was joined by representatives of the Hemp embassy at the protest to highlight the plight of the jailed campaigner and the many uses hemp and marijuana based products could be used for if decriminalised.

Julie Bower said the NSW parliamentary committee investigating the medical use of cannabis products had recommended its decriminalisation.

"The irony is that Tony was invited to speak to the committee last year because of his expertise on the subject," Mrs Bower said.

"Now they are recommending approving the use of cannabis based medicines - and he is in jail."

"Tony has gone from struggling to



□ **Medical evidence:** Ron Jones of Lismore gave his support to jailed medical marijuana campaigner Tony Bower at the protest outside Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner's office on Tuesday

read and write to being a world expert on the use of cannabis medicines, and it is all self-taught.

"That is how much he believes in what he is doing."

Ron Jones uses Mr Bower's cannabis tinctures to treat his emphysema, ulcers and other medical conditions.

"Before I met Tony Bower I couldn't walk three steps without struggling to breathe," Mr Jones said.

"Now I can get out in the yard for hours using a brush-cutter."

"The doctors would have me dosed up to the eyeballs on all sorts of drugs which over the years have given me a

gut-full of ulcers. Tony Bower gave me the chance of a beautiful life."

Mr Jones called on Andrew Stoner to use his position as Deputy Premier to adopt the findings of the parliamentary committee as soon as possible.

Mr Bower's appeal is due to be heard on June 3.

Work starts at pontoon site

WORK began on site at Mattys Flat at South West Rocks this week for the new wharf and floating pontoon.

Existing vegetation on the riverbank where the new wharf meets the land was removed as part of council's pre-construction activities before the contractor, Superior Jetties, takes possession of the site to undertake the work.

Superior Jetties was appointed earlier this year as a new contractor after the original contract was terminated.

The design work has been progressed to the point where the final arrangements are being made for works to start on site, including the removal of vegetation on the bank.

It is anticipated that Superior Jetties will begin construction on site during June, with an anticipated construction period expected to be eight weeks.

The project should be finalised before the end of July.

NSW Better Boating Program has partially funded this project along with loans previously taken through the Caravan Park Levy Committee and was originally intended to be constructed during 2008-09.



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YOUR INVITATION TO THE INAUGURAL SLIM DUSTY BIRTHDAY BASH



THURSDAY 13 JUNE / 7.30PM
ROOTY HILL RSL CLUB

Be a part of Australian country music history as we come together to celebrate the legacy of the King of country, Slim Dusty. This exclusive event is to raise funds for the Slim Dusty Foundation to assist with the completion of the Slim Dusty Centre in Kempsey, NSW. Join the stars of country music in an unforgettable night of celebration on Slim's Birthday.

CORPORATE TABLE PACKAGES:

Platinum Corporate Table = 6 tables of 8 @ \$3,000 per table

Each platinum table will receive a guitar signed by all artists performing plus other legendary Australian artists who are unable to be there on the night. These guitars are a unique keepsake for any country music fan or can be used by companies at their charity auctions. Plus each person at the table will receive an autographed album from each of the artists and a premium beverage package. Some of the artists will visit your table during the night.

Gold Corporate Table = 10 tables @ \$1,500 per table

Each person at the table will receive an autographed album from each of the artists and a premium beverage package. Some of the artists will visit your table during the night.

Slim's Mates tables will be sold at \$120 per seat

The event will be linked to multiple clubs around NSW & QLD via a new system called Clubs Live Network. All licensed clubs are invited to participate.

Interested clubs should visit www.clubslive.net.au for more information or contact Ben Kelly on 02 9660 6969 or ben@clubslive.net.au

The Kempsey Shire

Art Prize 2013
27 June - 14 July

Kempsey Shire Art Prize \$3,000
Acquisitive prize judged from all works entered

Art Prize Sections

1. 3D Sculpture (any medium)

First prize \$1,000
Highly Commended \$100

2. Painting (any medium)

First Prize \$1,000
Highly Commended \$100

4. SJB Urban Photography Prize

First Prize \$1,000
Highly Commended \$100

5. Macleay Argus works on Paper

First Prize \$1,000
Highly Commended \$100

Get your entry forms online www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/gallery or from Council's Customer Services Centre and Kempsey Library. Call 6566 3226 or email olivia.parker@kempsey.nsw.gov.au for more info.

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Drag club's bond appeal

By Thom Klein

CLUB officials will deliver a do-or-die presentation at Kempsey Shire Council's June meeting in a bid to host a contentious drag racing event.

Four Aces Drag Racing Club has lodged an appeal against what it considers to be unrealistic terms and conditions attached to the approval of its development application (DA) for a race meeting at Kempsey Airport.

Club secretary Peter Campbell said the not-for-profit sporting organisation would find it impossible to pay a \$250,000 bond as security against any damage to the track.

A memo to Mr Campbell, from the council's director of Sustainable Environment Robert Pitt, cites a new figure of \$80,000 as the estimated cost of repairing damage to the runway caused to the areas used for 'burn-outs' and the starting zone, as well as for any run-off.

The club argues that amount is still too high, and is urging a bond of \$20,000.

"In the DA conditions, the council wants us to have a pavement engineer inspect the runway before and after the event," Mr Campbell said.

"By agreeing to that, we'll



□ Positive: Four Aces Drag Racing Club secretary Peter Campbell at the airport

commit to any repairs. We're taking all the steps ANDRA (Australian National Drag Racing Association) demands of events at all airports.

"In all the airports across Australia hosting drag racing, we've heard of one in Victoria that had to repaint its white

lines after an event, and there was one light that needed to be replaced at Tamworth."

The application to modify conditions of consent was scheduled to be on public exhibition this month.

Mr Pitt said: "Council is not in a position to confirm the

basis of any discussions with the club at this stage, as it will be the subject of a planning report for consideration of the elected council, which will also need to have regard to matters raised in any submissions received."

Mr Campbell said Four

Aces officials were working hard on their presentation, and said if they failed to persuade councillors to relax the terms of the DA it would spell the end for hopes of staging the drag racing event.

"We're still positive and are focused on our plan," he said.

Nominate devoted officers

NOMINATIONS are open for the Mid North Coast Local Area Command Police Officer of the Year awards 2013.

Local Area Commander, Superintendent Paul Fehon, said he was pleased to be conducting these awards to recognise the work of our police officers.

"I would like to encourage the community to nominate officers who have shown outstanding acts of courtesy, understanding, compassion, courage and devotion to duty over the preceding 12 months," he said.

The Mid North Coast Local Area Command includes police stations at Port Macquarie, Wauchope, Laurieton, Comboyne, Ellenborough, Kempsey, South West Rocks, Gladstone, Crescent Head, Bellbrook, Nambucca Heads, Macksville and Bowraville.

All police officers working in this area are eligible to be nominated.

You are invited to nominate a police officer of your choice on the website copstrops.org.au or by completing the form and placing it in the box provided at the Kempsey or Port Macquarie stations.

National
Reconciliation
Week 27 May - 3 June

Council Notices

Kempsey Shire Council

"Your council Our community"

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

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FREE HARVEST DAY AND SUSTAINABILITY FILM NIGHT

Join in celebrating **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 5 JUNE**

Harvest Day - Kempsey TAFE Community Garden, 11.00am to 2.00pm

Bush tucker cooking demonstration, gardening and worm farm workshop

Sustainability Film and Food Night - Masonic Hall, Tozer Street, West Kempsey 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Bush tucker cooking demonstration and screening of 'Magic Harvest'

For further information contact Wendy Grant on 65602908

WEEKLY WORKS SCHEDULE



This week you will find our crews undertaking work in the following locations:

Bridge Construction/Maintenance: Cedar Crossing Bridge install signage, Clean up Toorooka Bridge Repair headstocks

Flood Mitigation Maintenance: No flood mitigation maintenance proposed

Drainage/kerb/footpath maintenance: Aldavilla Road stormwater pit repairs

Bitumen Rd Resealing/Maintenance: Bitumen patching Armadale

Plummers Lane, priority works after current rain event

Bitumen Rd Construction/Rehabilitation: South West Rocks Road (Red Hill Lane to McKays Lane)

shoulder construction to continue, pavement stabilisation to commence (weather permitting), Eden

Street, Kempsey kerbing to commence replace failed culvert, Stuarts Point Road/Grassy Head Road

install guideposts

Gravel Road Maintenance Grading: Maria River Road to complete McKenzies Creek Road, Pipers Creek Road

Other works: Clyde Street Mall concrete slabs to complete, install pram ramp, paving to commence,

Gills Creek Reserve restoration of carpark and access road to complete and seal, IGA Carpark kerb

repairs and pram ramp replacement to commence, Tynes Hill slip, Armadale Road scour protection to

complete, Devils Nook Creek Riverbank rock protection to commence

Public Notification of Development Consents - Issued by Council

Consent has been granted for the following applications.

FILE	APPLICANT	LOCATION	DEVELOPMENT
T6-12-179	Adams D & Adams J	267 Secombs Lane Lot 16 DP729742 Hickeys Creek	Continued Use Of Existing Building As A Dwelling
T6-13-83	Petto Properties Pty Limited	22 Delmer Close Lot 103 DP851180 South West Rocks	Shed
T6-13-90	Sutherland G & Sutherland C	1040 Belmore River Left Bank Road Lot 1 DP780175 Belmore River	Flood Mound
T6-13-103	Madden J & Madden D	391 Larkins Road Lot 86 DP752406 Deep Creek	Continued Use Of An Existing Building As A Dwelling

Development consents are available for public inspection, free of charge, during ordinary office hours at the consent authority's principal office, at Kempsey's Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, 22 Tozer Street, West Kempsey, between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm from Monday to Friday (public holidays excepted)

Notice of Proposed Developments

The following applications have been received and are notified in accordance with Council's Policy.

NOTE: Not all applications received require public notification.

File No	Applicant	Land	Development Proposal	Exhibition/Objection Period
T6-13-130	NBN CO. LIMITED	LOT 24 DP 748740 Gilbert Cory St, South West Rocks	NBN Fixed Wireless Facility	28/05/13 TO 10/06/13
T6-08-37 REV 01	MR J ASHTON	LOT 42 DP 545284 29 Hodgson St, Crescent Head	Alteration And Additions To Existing Two Storey Dwelling	28/05/13 TO 10/06/13

The applications and plans relating to the developments to which this notice refers may be inspected at Kempsey Shire Council's Customer Service Centre, 22 Tozer Street, West Kempsey, any time between 8.30am and 4.30pm from Monday to Friday (public holidays excepted) for the period stated above. At any time during which the application may be inspected, any person: 1 who has received written notice of a proposed development from Council, or 2 who owns land and who contends that his enjoyment of that land will be detrimentally affected if a proposed development is carried out; or 3 who feels that a proposed development will adversely affect the character or amenity of the surrounding area may object in writing to Council. A person or associate of the person who makes a submission in relation to the application must make a disclosure of any reportable political donation or gift made in the previous 2 years (and up to the time the matter is determined). The disclosure (Disclosure Statement of Political Donations and Gifts) will need to accompany the submission. A Disclosure Form and further details can be obtained from Kempsey Shire Council or via Council's website. If the application will need to be considered by Council, a précis of submissions received will be included in a report to Council for determination of the application. Copies of submissions may be included in the Appendices to the Business Paper unless specifically requested by the writer not to be included and the submission is clearly headed "confidential".

Our next meeting will be held at 9am on Tuesday 18 June 2013 at the Council Chambers. You are welcome to attend.

CUSTOMER SERVICES - 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday
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Investing in our Future

Kempsey Shire Council Rate Increase

Looking after our Roads

having additional funds has allowed..

In 2011 Council applied for a rate increase over multiple years; part of this was approved. At that point there was an \$8 million shortfall on what council was spending and what needed to be spent on maintaining our ageing assets, our roads and bridges. With the rate increase in 2011 and the work that has already been done, that shortfall now stands at over \$14 million as a result of updated information and increasing costs. Additional funds are still required to address the maintenance of our road and bridge assets which the community has identified as council's priority.

The community has over \$1 billion in assets, this includes our roads and bridges and like any asset maintenance is essential to retain its use and value. With the additional funds from the 2011 general rate increase council has been busy attending to high priority maintenance works across the Shire. Some examples of the projects completed and the costs of these works are shown over the next two pages.

Stuarts Point Road - this project cost a total of **\$705,000**



Barnard Street, Gladstone - this project cost a total of **\$550,000**



Crescent Head Road - this project cost a total of **\$508,000**



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In 2014 Council will be applying for a multiple year rate increase to continue addressing the maintenance needs of our roads and bridges. This increase, if approved will be over a four year period with the first three years being a 10% increase each year. For the final year there will be 4% increase and these increases will be permanent. These will provide additional funds in the first year \$985,781, second year \$1,111,009, third year \$1,252,481 and fourth year \$287,412. These increases in revenue will allow council to continue to invest in our road and bridge assets. Next week's feature will include details of maintenance works planned over the coming years.

Eden Street - this project cost a total of **\$379,000**



Turners Flat Bridge - this project cost a total of **\$95,000**



South West Rocks Road - this project cost a total of **\$966,000**



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Week 2

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PRIORITY BRIDGES

Everyone uses a Council service daily, driving to work or school. Taking a shower, borrowing a book from the library, sporting fields, boat ramps or playgrounds. These are services that the community want and they enhance our lifestyle. The provision of good roads and bridges adds to that experience and they enable us to work, play sport or shop. It's the way we move around.

LOOKING AFTER OUR BRIDGES

MAINTENANCE WORKS PLANNED OVER THE COMING YEARS

Subject to a successful rate increase



Dungay Creek Road, Gills Gully



Nagles Falls Road, Nagles Falls



Turners Flat Road, Lovelocks

2014/2015 PROGRAM

Belmore River Right Bank Road - McCuddens	\$80,000
Dungay Creek Road - Gills Gully	\$80,000
Turners Flat Road - Lovelocks	\$100,000
Pee Dee Road - O'Sullivans	\$200,000
Willi Willi Rd - Home Gully	\$230,000

2015/2016 PROGRAM

Austral Eden Outer Road- Andersons	\$150,000
Nagles Falls Rd - Nagles Falls	\$230,000
Nulla Nulla Creek Road - Yellow Gully	\$160,000

2016/2017 PROGRAM

Belmore River Left Bank Road - Buchanans	\$300,000
Nulla Nulla Creek Road - McIntyres	\$160,000
Kinchela Creek Left Bank Road - Knauers	\$165,000

2018/19 PROGRAM

Mooneba Road - Barking Dog	\$225,000
Toms Gully Road - Kyles	\$150,000
Schmidts Access Road - Schmidts	\$320,000

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Week 2

Kempsey Shire Council Rate Increase

PRIORITY ROADS

When a local Council applies for a special rate variation it must include details on works it is intending to undertake such as town improvements, addressing maintenance backlogs or to improve existing service provision. Council's rate increase application will focus on the following roads. Priority is given to the most trafficked roads based on risk and public benefit.

LOOKING AFTER OUR ROADS

MAINTENANCE WORKS PLANNED OVER THE COMING YEARS
Subject to a successful rate increase

UNSEALED ROADS

BLAIRS LANE	\$20,000
DUNGAY CREEK ROAD	\$115,000
VERGES CREEK ROAD	\$90,000
BATTLES OUTLET	\$70,000
FISHERMANS REACH ROAD	\$60,000
OLD STATION ROAD	\$120,000
WEST END ROAD	\$50,000
SANDY CREEK ROAD	\$75,000

SEALED ROADS

PLUMMERS LANE	
Summer Island Rd to Rainbow Reach Rd	\$700,000
SOUTH WEST ROCKS ROAD	
Old Station Rd to Pola Creek Rd	\$600,000
McKays Lane to Frederickton Ferry Rd	\$120,000
Frederickton Ferry Rd to Austral Eden Outer Rd	\$500,000
MIDDLETON STREET, SOUTH KEMPSEY	
West Street to Vernon Street	\$60,000
EDINBURGH LANE	
West Kempsey Tozer St to Kemp St	\$80,000
GREAT NORTH ROAD, FREDERICKTON	
Pacific Highway to Collombatti Rd	\$450,000
CRESCENT HEAD ROAD	
Neville Morton Drive to Pacific Street	\$895,700

**TOTAL WORKS SEALED ROADS
For 2014/2015**

\$3.4 million



Great North Road, Frederickton



Edinburgh Lane, West Kempsey



South West Rocks Road

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2011, Council applied for a multi year above rate peg increase which was partially approved. This rate increase netted \$940,834 and over the past twelve months works to start to address infrastructure backlogs have been completed on a priority basis. These works include Hat Head Bridge Replacement, rehabilitation works to Barnard Street Gladstone, South West Rocks Road, Eden Street, Turners Flat Bridge, Bissett Street East Kempsey and Stuarts Point Road. Based on current services, \$33.22 million is required from general revenue to maintain road infrastructure and to service current loan debt. Currently, sources of general funds that are available are rates (\$12.70 million) and untied grants (\$5.73 million). The shortfall in funding is \$14.79 million per annum and increasing. Initially the shortfall has been covered by delaying required capital upgrades on a range of assets and not fully funding maintenance levels. The end result of this is a general run down of asset condition, which in turn results in poor customer service.

COMPARISON Further relevant information shown in the table below compares the average rates to neighbouring Councils who are dealing with similar challenges as Kempsey Shire, such as ageing populations, climate change, ageing infrastructure and population growth. This comparison shows the average rates in Kempsey Shire are lower in all rating categories except for Greater Taree in the Farmland rating category and Bellingen in the Business rating category.

TABLE 1 AVERAGE RATE PER ASSESSMENT COMPARISON TO NEIGHBOURING COUNCILS

2010/2011 average rate per assessment (\$)	Kempsey LGA	Port Macquarie Hastings LGA	Nambucca LGA	Bellingen LGA	Coffs Harbour LGA	Greater Taree LGA	NSW Average
Residential	648.53	880.35	717.28	758.87	785.05	726.40	811.52
Farmland	1268.31	1555.38	1494.78	1644.57	1429.75	1158.20	1968.76
Business	1435.64	2927.36	1444.08	912.93	3563.97	2363.70	4305.09

Source: Division of Local Government Comparative Information on NSW Councils 2010/2011.

REVENUE RAISING Council has also included increases in the level of general rates for the community in the Delivery Plan. One increase has already been applied, but a further four increases will be required in order to stabilise the finances in the short term. The first of these increases is planned to come into effect from the 2014/2015 financial year. They incorporate three years of increases of 10% per annum, and 4% in the final year. Rate increases in sewer, waste and water have already been approved by Council. The proposed rate increase application to IPART only affects General Rates. The table below shows the impact on the average ratepayer.

TABLE OF PROPOSED ANNUAL RATES AND CHARGES CHANGES:

Year	General	Sewer	Waste	Water
2013/14	3.4%	9%	4.63%	5%
2014/15	10%	7.5%	3%	5%
2015/16	10%	7.5%	3%	5%
2016/17	10%	7.5%	3%	5%

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Council's special rate variation will be based on the same percentage increases across ALL rating categories.

IMPACT ON RATES - RESIDENTIAL

12,291 ASSESSMENTS

TABLE 1	Year 1 (2014/15)	Year 2 (2015/16)	Year 3 (2016/17)	Year 4 (2017/18)
% increase with special variation	10.00	10.00	10.00	4.00
% cumulative increase	10.00	21.00	33.10	38.43
\$ annual increase for average rate payer	83.42	91.77	100.93	44.41
\$ weekly increase for average ratepayer	1.60	1.76	1.94	0.85
\$ weekly increase on special variation only (excluding rate peg) for average ratepayer	1.12	1.27	1.43	0.33

A total of 11,652 (94.80%) of **residential** ratepayers have a land value within the first three land value ranges. Annual increases across these three land value ranges are from a minimum of \$57.26 to a maximum of \$143.03 in year three for a land value amount of \$250,000. The same data as above excluding the special variation results is a minimum of \$16.99 to a maximum of \$39.57 in year four for a land value amount of \$250,000.

IMPACT ON RATES - BUSINESS

813 ASSESSMENTS

TABLE 2	Year 1 (2014/15)	Year 2 (2015/16)	Year 3 (2016/17)	Year 4 (2017/18)
% increase with special variation	10.00	10.00	10.00	4.00
% cumulative increase	10.00	21.00	33.10	38.42
\$ annual increase for average rate payer	196.58	216.25	237.85	104.67
\$ weekly increase for average ratepayer	3.78	4.16	4.57	2.01
\$ weekly increase on special variation only (excluding rate peg) for average ratepayer	2.65	2.99	3.37	0.77

A total of 742 (91.27%) of **business** ratepayers have a land value within the first five land value ranges. Annual increases across these five land value ranges are from a minimum of \$77.08 to a maximum of \$413.68 in year three for a land value amount of \$450,000. The same data as above excluding the special variation results is a minimum of \$22.97 to a maximum of \$112.42 in year four for a land value amount of \$450,000.

IMPACT ON RATES - FARMLAND

1,425 ASSESSMENTS

TABLE 3	Year 1 (2014/15)	Year 2 (2015/16)	Year 3 (2016/17)	Year 4 (2017/18)
% increase with special variation	10.00	10.00	10.00	4.00
% cumulative increase	10.00	21.00	33.10	38.42
\$ annual increase for average rate payer	158.55	174.41	191.83	84.40
\$ weekly increase for average ratepayer	3.05	3.35	3.69	1.62
\$ weekly increase on special variation only (excluding rate peg) for average ratepayer	2.13	2.41	2.72	0.62

A total of 1,233 (86.53%) of **farmland** ratepayers have a land value between \$100,000 and \$599,999. Annual increases across these land value ranges are from a minimum of \$94.54 to a maximum of \$277.57 in year three for a land value amount of \$550,000. The same data as above excluding the special variation results is a minimum of \$28.26 to a maximum of \$75.43 in year four for a land value amount of \$550,000.

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Investing in our Future

Week 4
Kempsey Shire Council Rate Increase



Roads and their condition have been highlighted through various community forums and surveys as being the **highest priority service** that Council provides.

Revenue raised by an increase in rates will be allocated to that priority. Council not investing in the public infrastructure makes the area less attractive to people to live in.

Council needs to successfully attract people and investment for a positive economy.

ROAD CONDITION DATA SHOWS DETERIORATION CONTINUING

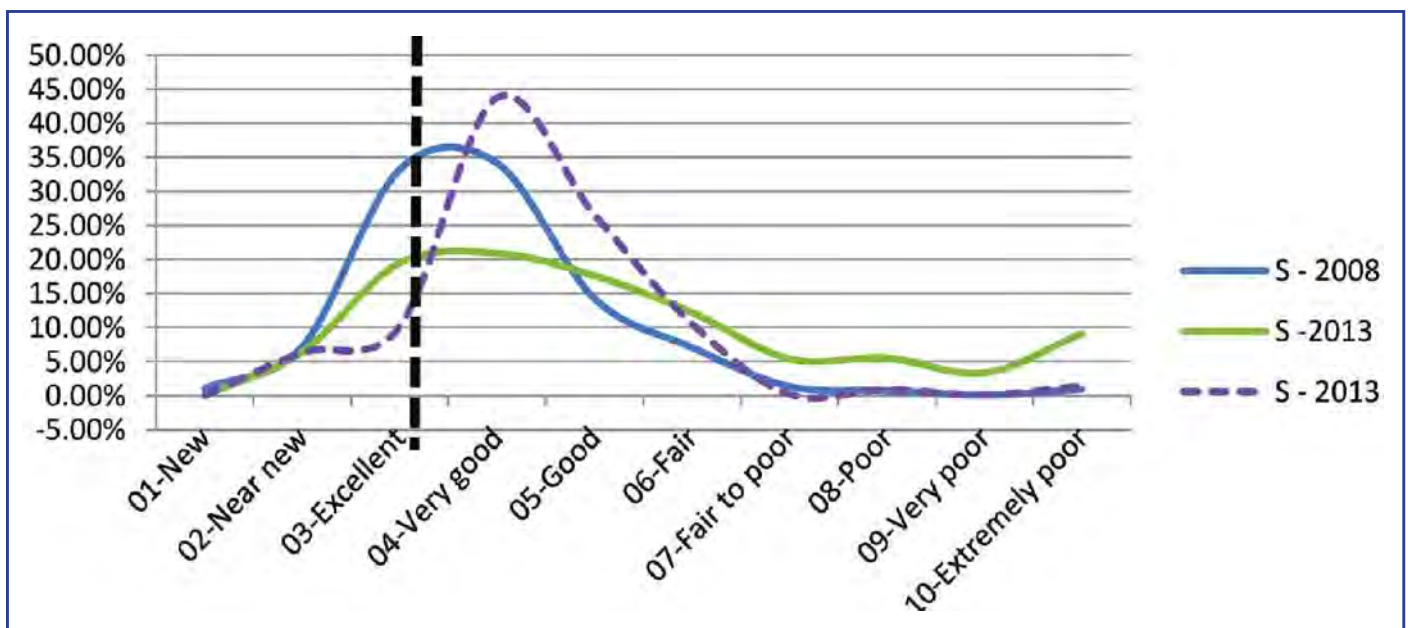
Data from the 2013 survey of road conditions is starting to be analysed. This allows Council staff to compare the expected deterioration of the roads to what is actually happening.

At this early stage what we are seeing is that the 'poor' condition roads have deteriorated from the last survey. In 2008 less than 2% of the road network was in a 'poor' condition, now 18% of roads have reached that state. Equally, the better quality roads have not deteriorated as fast as we had forecast.

More of the road network has moved into the 'poor' section. This is what we expected to see, but the change is more significant than forecast. Until we are funding to the right level the roads will continue to go backwards.

Council staff have noted that this period included a number of floods which led to significant damage. We are in the early stages of works needed.

We are also seeing an increase in the amount of 'good' roads moving to 'poor' condition.



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Week 4 Kempsey Shire Council Rate Increase



When determining a place to live decisions are made on a wide range of factors, some of which relate to infrastructure provided by Council.

The quality of roads will be a large determining factor. Whether there are good walking and cycle track networks? The quality of playground and sporting facilities, library services, garbage services and other community facilities are important services to a community.

Failing to fund the ongoing maintenance and replacement of infrastructure will lead to the area becoming increasingly unattractive as a destination for investment or lifestyle.

ROAD CONDITION DATA SHOWS DETERIORATION CONTINUING

(Cont from opposite page) Examining the overall road network, about 25% was measured to be at an acceptable level, opposed to 41% back in 2008. "The percentage of roads in an acceptable condition is going down, but not as fast as it would have if we had not changed our practices and also started putting more funds back into the network", the General Manager, Mr Rawlings said.

Resealing roads to keep our assets in a good condition and targeting larger projects is starting to have a positive impact. Compared to Council's forecast of the road conditions of 2013, 10% more of the road network is in an 'acceptable' condition.

"I am certain that part of the positive change does relate to how we do the work and the extra \$900,000 that went into road projects from the additional rates. Over many years we have used up the assets. Now we need to start rebuilding the network. This will take time. We have started working on the problem and will continue, to get the job done" concluded Mr Rawlings.



Queen Street, South Kempsey



Point Plomer resheeting

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Investing in our Future

Week 5

Kempsey Shire Council Rate Increase

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Staff from Council's Community Engagement team have been speaking to members of the community and gauging their response to the proposed Special Rate Variation.

The first community consultation was held at the Rocks Shopping Fair on Friday 29 November with another at the Kempsey Central Shopping Centre on Thursday, 5 December.

Community members were invited to share their views on the proposed rate rise and encouraged to complete an online survey with Council staff.

Residents also had the opportunity to calculate their rate adjustments on the online rates calculator which shows a comparison between current rates and the increase of rates with and without the proposed rate variation.

Council encourages rate payers in the Shire to complete the survey in order to successfully compile as much information as possible from our community.

Both the online survey and the rates calculator may be accessed on the Council website at www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au or for more information call Council's Customer Service Centre on 6566 3200.

ONLINE SURVEY

SAMPLE OF PAGE ONE QUESTIONS

1. Are you a property owner in the Kempsey Shire?

Yes No

2. Do you think the current standard of Council's road infrastructure is satisfactory?

Yes No

3. How satisfied are you with the quality of infrastructure currently provided by Council in the local area?

Very satisfied

Satisfied

Neutral – neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

4. Do you think it is a good idea to invest more in our road network to improve it?

Yes No

5. Would you be happy to pay more rates if it resulted in better roads and other infrastructure? Why or why not?



David Carroll, Manager Customer Services, speaking to a South West Rocks resident.

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Investing in our Future

Week 5

Kempsey Shire Council Rate Increase

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Information compiled from recent community consultation drew out a number of common community ideas for the future of the area.

These ideas are the foundations for planning to Invest in our Future and indicate what the community sees as most important to our future development.

- Quality Infrastructure - roads and bridges
- Infrastructure provision and maintenance
- Community services and facilities
- Quality customer service and services
- Population growth and economic development
- Open spaces and recreation
- Community crime prevention and safety
- Pride, respect and community
- Leisure and lifestyle
- Aged care and services
- Green planning
- Medical services
- Public transport
- Youth
- Local government consultation
- Law and order
- Local improvements
- Emergency response

For further information or to record your thoughts please contact Kempsey Shire Council on 6566 3200.

Access the Rate Increase Calculator on www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au by going into the Rate Increase Information under Notices.

Simply fill out your address or assessment number and the calculation will appear on screen.

Rate increase calculator

Special Rate Variation

2013/14 rates value

Details				
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With Special Rate Variation (SRV)

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
General rates				



Tenneale from Customer Service speaking with a Macleay Valley resident on the proposed rate rise

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Investing in our Future

Week 6

Kempsey Shire Council Rate Increase

After recent Community Consultation some key questions were raised:

Q - What the proposed rate increase will be spent on?

A- **The road network**

Q – How many employees does council have?

A – **Total of 299 employees**

Q – What is the value of the loans council has?

A - **\$45,733,981**

FAST FACTS

Council maintains

1,052km of local roads

This is made up of 474km sealed roads and 578km gravel roads

Council maintains

129 timber bridges

39 concrete/composite bridges

\$745.1m

total value of Road Assets

\$61.5m

total value of Bridge Assets

299

Total number of Employees

Community Engagement 57

Corporate Management 38

Infrastructure Services 172

Sustainable Environment 30

General Managers 2

Council maintains

129 hectares of
Open Spaces and Facilities

97 Parks and Reserves (77ha)

12 Sporting Facilities (43ha)

31 Playgrounds

4 Public Swimming Pools

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Week 6

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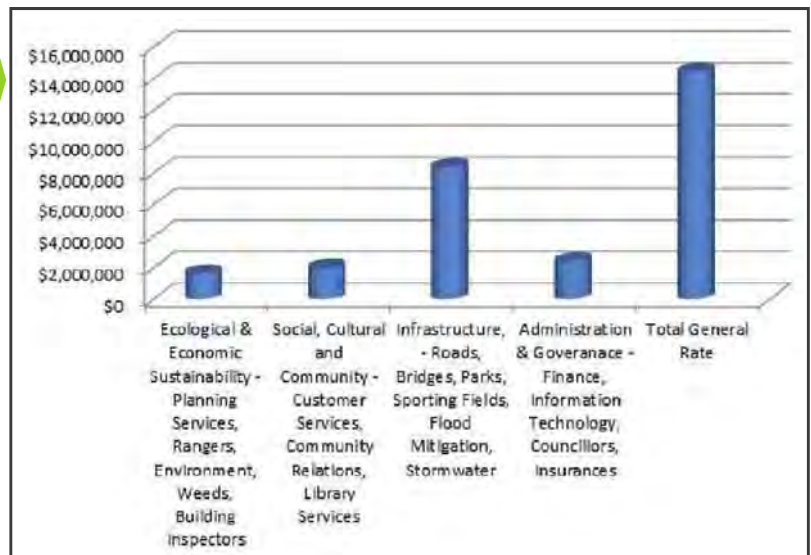
The General Rate revenue collected from rates based on Land Value is \$14,471,106 for the 2013/2014 year the following graph shows where this money is spent.

General Rate Expenditure 2013/2014

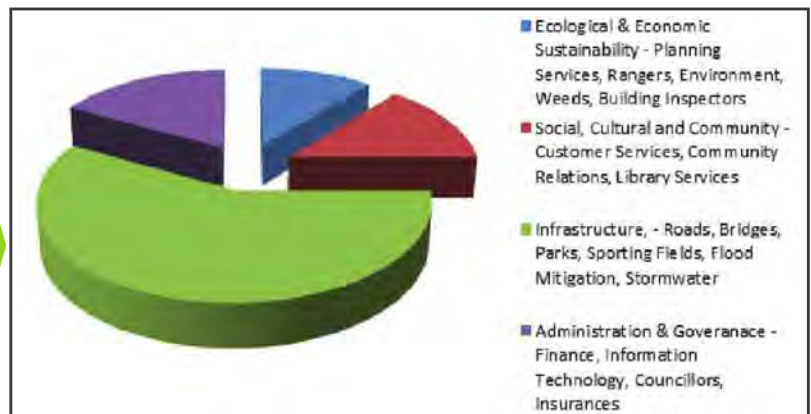
Council is seeking an increase in the General Rates in order to address the ageing road and bridge network and to maintain current services to the community.

As you can see from the graph adjacent 58% of revenue collected from the General Rate is spent on the community's infrastructure.

In addition, Council will receive \$5,604,974 in General Purpose Grants for 2013/2014.

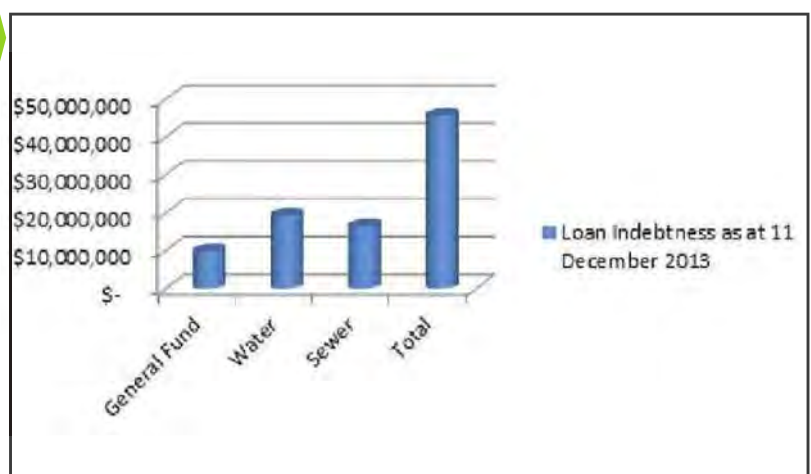


General Rate Expenditure as a Percentage



Loan Balance as at 11 December 2013

Council is often asked about the level of its loans. The adjacent graph provides information on Loan Balances as of 11 December 2013. Over the past few years Council has not taken out any new loans and has redirected repayments towards renewing community assets.



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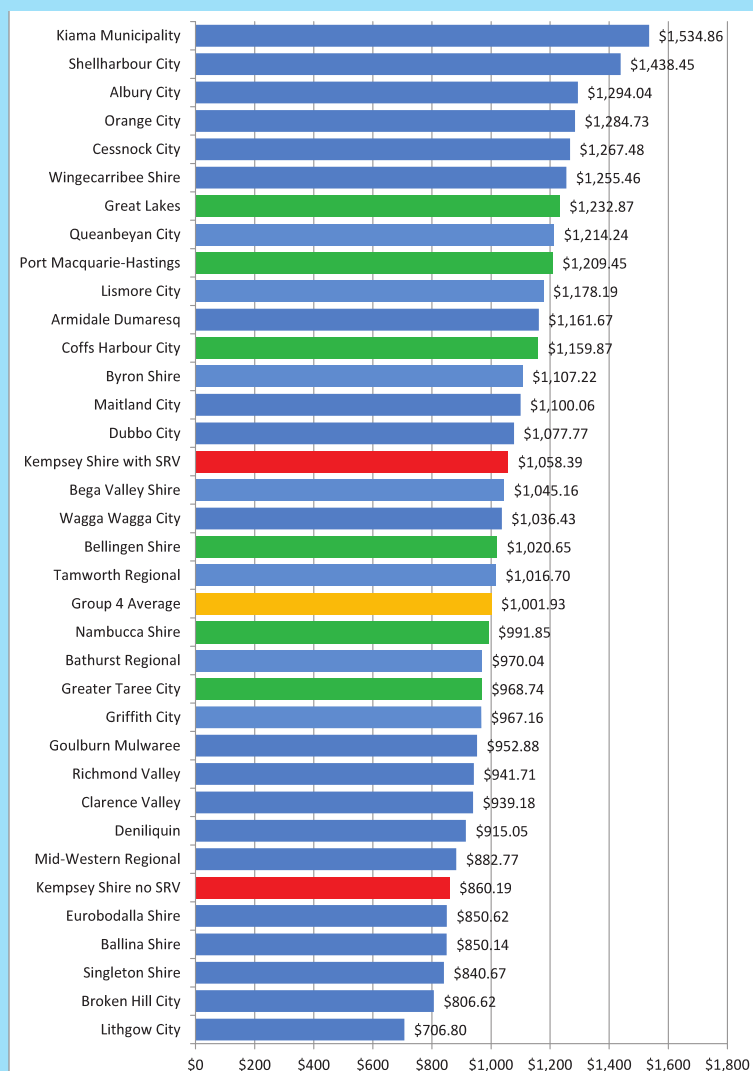
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Kempsey Shire Council Rate Increase

Kempsey Shire Council takes pride in our role of providing and maintaining local public services for our community. These works are funded through the rates we collect from local residents, that then go into providing the services and infrastructure the community needs. Originally the Council looked after basic services like roads, footpaths and rubbish removal, however the reality is that the scope of services has expanded greatly. These services now include stormwater, street lighting, community buildings, development control, environmental services, health and welfare services as well as assistance to the people that provide these services. In fact, the Council now has over 230 different accountabilities to the community.

Whilst the range and scope and services has dramatically increased, the rates that are used to fund this work have been pegged for 38 years. Our current model is unsustainable. If we continue down this path, we won't have the money to function at a level expected by the community. What is clear is that the expectation that Council can provide ever expanding and diverse services cannot be met. The lack of funds mean we are unable to undertake new public work such as footpaths, playgrounds or sporting facilities.

AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL IN RATES 2017/2018 FOLLOWING 4 YEAR INCREASE



ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN PROGRESS



Road grading along Spooners Avenue



Road grading along Toorumbbee Road



Woolford Crescent, South Kempsey

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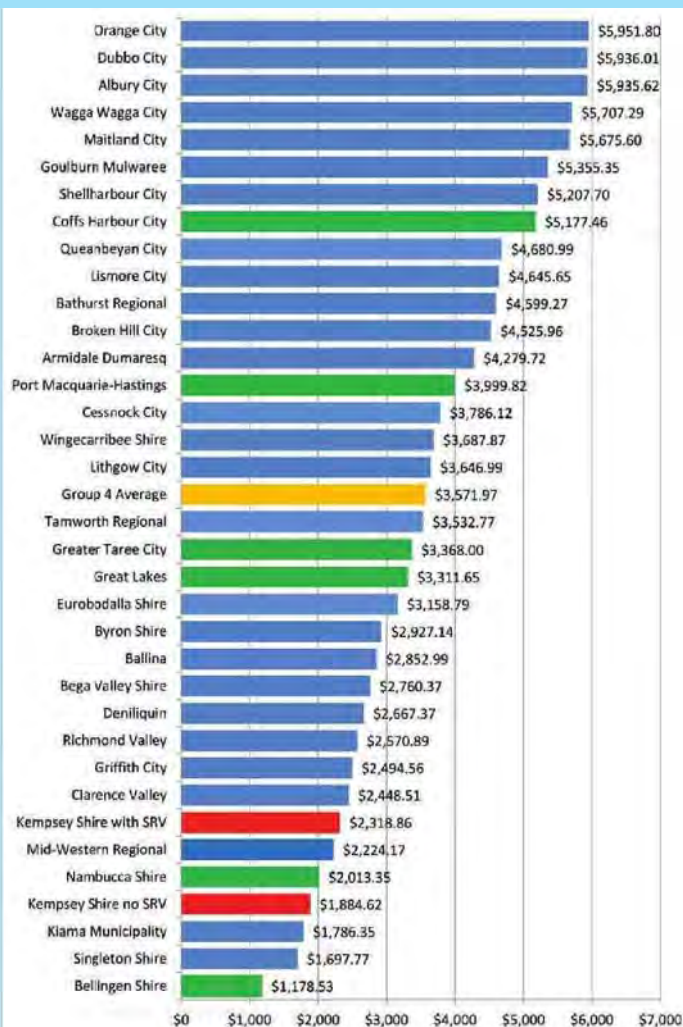
It also means that we will need to reduce the maintenance of existing infrastructure like roads, drains and playground equipment. This will impact our ability to provide services like lawn mowing, removing graffiti, rubbish removal and repairs.

All this means that if we continue down our current path we will see a gradual decline in the prosperity of our community and our quality of life will be put at risk.

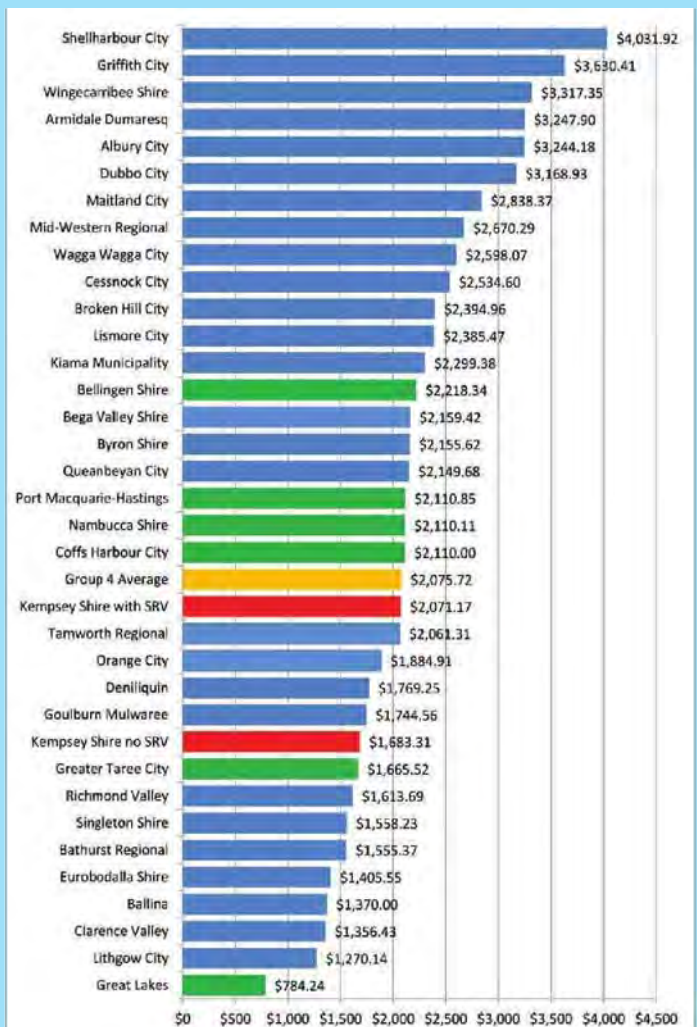
At Kempsey Shire Council, our goal is to deliver services that provide a healthy, wealthy, safe and sociable community. We strive to ensure that Kempsey will be a great place to live, not only for us but also for our children and our children's children. We need to address the shortfall in revenue and either reduce the services we provide or increase rates in order to maintain services.

More importantly, we need to look beyond the short term and invest for the long term wellbeing of our community. These are not easy choices but they are the ones we need to make to ensure the ongoing prosperity of our community.

AVERAGE BUSINESS RATES IN 2017/2018 FOLLOWING 4 YEAR INCREASE



AVERAGE FARMLAND RATES IN 2017/2018 FOLLOWING 4 YEAR INCREASE



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Community NEWSLETTER

January 2014

SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

Council will be applying for a Special Rate Variation to IPART in February. This rate increase application applies to General Rates and will be used for maintenance of the road network. Based on current services, \$33.22 million is required from general revenue to maintain road infrastructure and to service current loan debt. Currently, sources of general funds available are rates (\$12.70 million) and untied grants (\$5.73 million). The shortfall in funding is \$14.79 million per annum and increasing.

Initially the shortfall has been covered by delaying required capital upgrades on a range of assets and not fully funding maintenance levels. The end result of this is a general run down of asset condition, which in turn results in poor customer service.

Find out how this increase will impact on your rates, visit www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/srv or contact Customer Services on 65663200. An online survey is also available - Council invites your comments.

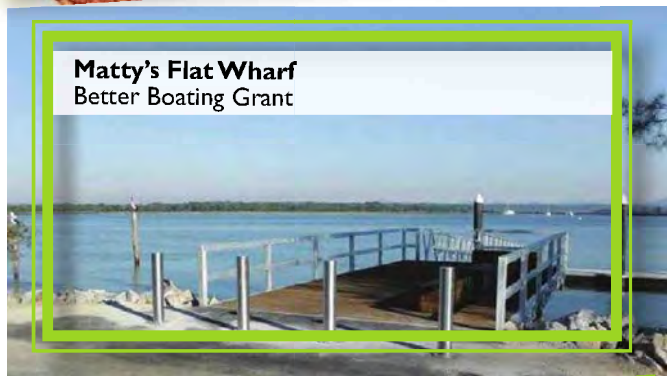
South West Rocks Photo Gallery

Works that have been completed during 2013

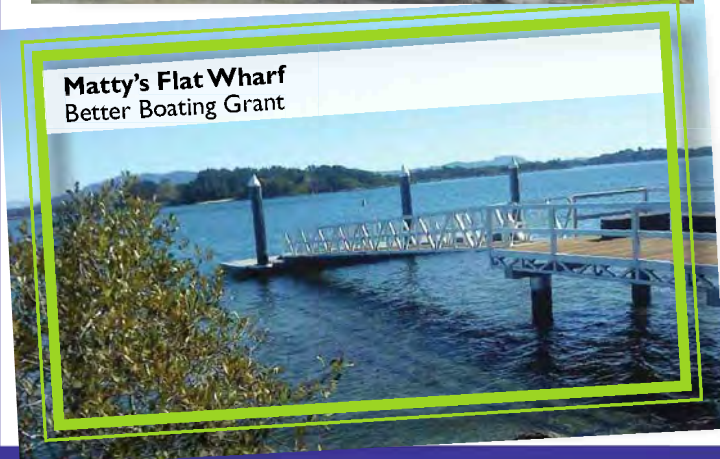
Horseshoe Bay Shelter Shed
Horseshoe Bay Reserve Funding and Insurance



Matty's Flat Wharf
Better Boating Grant



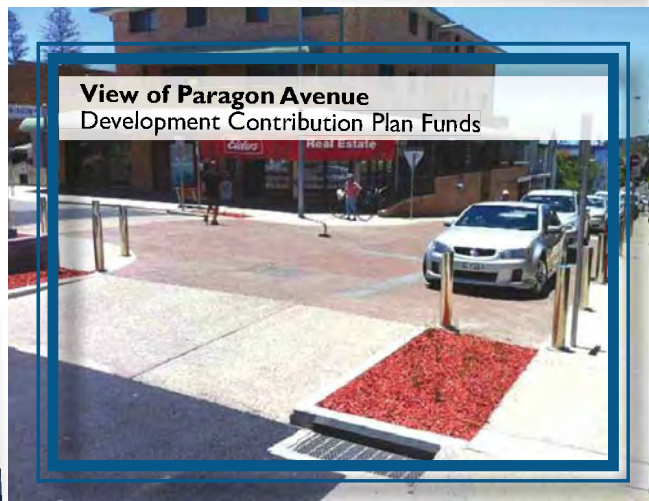
Matty's Flat Wharf
Better Boating Grant



View of Prince of Wales Avenue
Development Contribution Plan Funds



View of Paragon Avenue
Development Contribution Plan Funds



6 apply for education fund

APPLICATIONS for Macleay Valley Education Fund grants for 2013 have closed, with half a dozen applications being received for consideration.

The fund aims to provide a contribution to the education expenses of students from the Macleay as they pursue tertiary education or training courses associated with employment.

This is the first year the scheme has operated in Kempsey.

The scholarships are judged on several criteria including whether the student's plans are a realistic goal, and whether they had pursued other options to fund their education.

Every applicant for the MVEF is guaranteed an interview.

Academic excellence is not one of the criteria.

Fund chairman Terry Witchard said exam results measured only a small part of a student's potential.

"What we are finding and what a lot of universities are telling us is that raw test scores are not an indicator of anything other than a student's ability to sit an exam," he said.

"It doesn't say anything about their character or their work ethic or even whether they are suited to the field they have chosen to study."

The money can be used for any worthwhile purpose including text books, course fees and even living and travel expenses.

Mr Witchard said he was happy with the number and quality of applications.

"When the application date closed I had a look at the results for similar schemes in their first year," Mr Witchard said.

"We compare pretty well with similar schemes operated elsewhere."

Mr Witchard said all the applicants except one had indicated the money was for tertiary education.

The exception was for someone who was intending to do a training course as part of their employment.

"Education is expensive and if you have to move away from home or travel like many country kids then that just adds to the hardship of funding your education," he said.

"If you have to move to a big city you will find rent is expensive, then there is petrol and travel in addition to direct education expenses."

Mr Witchard said he hoped to convene a selection panel in the next few weeks to decide which of the applicants would be receiving grant money.



□ **Helping with expenses:** Terry Witchard is chairman of the Macleay Valley Education Fund

Country Music Club Christmas

THE venue for the Kempsey Country Music Club's Christmas party on December 7 has changed.

It will now be held at Terry and Lorretta's home stead at 42/96 Smiths Creek Rd, Kundabung.

Just follow the dirt section of road for a few seconds then turn right into property.

Bring your friends, presents, goodies and chairs. The roast, drinks, tea and coffee and entertainment will be there.

Members free, non-members only \$12 each.

The club's next 'Taste of Country' meeting and walk-up concert will be held at the Kempsey Heights Bowling Club on December 1.



WHITE RIBBON DAY
25TH NOVEMBER
SAY NO TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

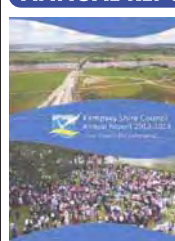


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ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE



Council is striving to ensure we are accountable and open in reporting to you, our community.

Council has prepared the 2012 - 13 Annual Report as part of a suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) documents. The Annual Report illustrates Council's operations and achievements for 2012 - 13 in relation to the 2012 - 13 Operational Plan.

Copies of the Annual Report are available at Council's Customer Service Centre, libraries and online at www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au

We welcome your feedback and comments on this report and encourage you to contact us on 6566 3200 or email ksc@Kempsey.nsw.gov.au

WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING - WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2013

Council is to conduct a Works Committee inspection and meeting on Wednesday 27 November 2013.

The itinerary for the inspection and meeting is as follows:

1. Proposed Dwelling at Hat Head
2. Works Committee deliberations at the Council Chambers at 5.00 PM.

The public are invited to attend for the meeting deliberations at the Council Chambers at 5.00 PM.

A copy of the agenda for this meeting will be available for viewing at the Customer Service Centre and on Council's website from Friday 22 November 2013

WATER ACCOUNT REMINDER NOTICES ISSUED



The payment period for the September Water Account has now past and Reminder Notices have been issued. These Reminder Notices include an \$8.80 late fee and requires payment of the amount within 14 days.

If you receive a Reminder Notice and have doubts about the outstanding amount, please contact Council on 6566 3200. A short discussion may avoid incurring further costs and restriction of the water supply.

If payment in full presents difficulties, flexible payments options are available to customers in genuine need.

ROADSIDE SPRAYING FOR DECEMBER 2013

Kempsey Shire Council advise that they will be undertaking the spraying of roadside, guardrail and bridge approaches during the month of December (weather permitting). Chemicals used are Glyphosate (Roundup) with an additive (Oust).

Roads: Armidale Road, Hickeys Creek Road, Mooneba Road, Mungay Creek Road, Nulla Creek Road, Temagog Road, Toorooka Road, Turners Flat Road

Guardrail & Bridge Approaches: Austral Eden, Belmore River, Collombatti Road, Crescent Head Road, Dungay Creek Road, Euroka Road, Gowings Hill Road, Grassy Heads Road, Hat Head Road, Kinchela Creek, Loftus Road, Maria River Road, Phillip Drive South West Rocks, Plummers Lane, Sherwood Road, Smithtown Road, South West Rocks Road, Spooners Avenue, Stuarts Point Road and Summer Island Road

Public Notification Of Development Consents - Issued By Council

Consent has been granted for the following applications.

FILE	APPLICANT	LOCATION	DEVELOPMENT
T6-13-101	Dietrich F & Dietrich G	3006 Armidale Road Lot 2 DP258820 Hickeys Creek	Continued Use Of An Existing Building As A Dwelling
T6-13-289	Macleay Valley Sheds	2 Collin Tait Avenue Lot 361 DP610564 West Kempsey	Shed Awning & Carport
T6-13-308	Peele R & Peele M	38 Sturt Street Lot 50 DP8635 South West Rocks	Alterations & Additions To Existing Two Storey Dwelling
T6-09-387 REV 01	Lynch D & Lynch K	89 Crottys Lane Lot 4 DP1108332 Yarravel	Dwelling & Shed

Development consents are available for public inspection, free of charge, during ordinary office hours at the consent authority's principal office, at Council's Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, 22 Tozer Street, West Kempsey, between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm from Monday to Friday (public holidays excepted).

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

Council will be holding two Community Consultation stands to discuss with the community the proposed special rate variation.

Friday 29 November - South West Rocks Shopping Complex from 9am

Thursday 5 December - Kempsey Central from 9am

Council invites interested community members to attend.

WEEKLY WORKS SCHEDULE



Bridge Construction/Maintenance: Black Cockatoo Bridge, Hunters Road, Yarrahapinni - replacement with concrete box culvert, excavation for foundations, place crushed rock foundation, form base slab

Flood Mitigation Maintenance: Weed Spraying - Euroka Drain, Willow Drain; Macleay River, Jerseyville rock bank protection; Maintenance structures Balls Drain floodgates

Drainage/Kerb/Footpath Maintenance: Peter Marks Circuit, South West Rocks Repair sink hole; Crescent Head and South West Rocks clean gross pollutant traps

Bitumen Road Resealing/Maintenance: Armidale Road, South West Rocks Road (Kinchela to Jerseyville), Spooners Ave/Collombatti Road intersection - pothole patching

Bitumen Road Construction/Rehabilitation: Plummers Lane Rehabilitation - culvert extension headwalls, shoulder widening to continue; South West Rocks Road, Jerseyville shoulder widening to commence

Roadside Slashing: Second Lane, Smithtown Road bridge approaches, South West Rocks Road (Kinchela to Jerseyville), Plummers Lane, Summer Island Road

Other works: Paragon/Prince of Wales Avenues, South West Rocks intersection works to continue, balustrade installation to complete, bakery corner footpath to complete, Real Estate corner footpath to commence; Thungutti Bellbrook Access Road (works for Dept of Housing) - heavy patching to continue, prepare for seal

Our next meeting will be held at 9am on Tuesday 17 December 2013 at the Council Chambers. You're welcome to attend.

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Foot bridge reopens early

THE footbridge over the Macleay River has reopened to pedestrians after the removal of a disused water main went quicker than anticipated.

Kempsey Shire Council said the walkway, which runs next to the railway bridge, would be closed until at least December 20 but the bridge reopened last week.

The council made the decision to close the bridge on November 25 to pedestrians because the old water main contained asbestos.

Council's Director of infrastructure Services Robert Scott said that the contractors were very efficient.

"When we decided on how long we were going to shut the bridge for we didn't really know how the contractors were going to remove the pipe," he said.

"What they did was pick up the pieces of pipe with an engine hoist and just roll them off the bridge, it really went incredibly smoothly and it was done in a few days."

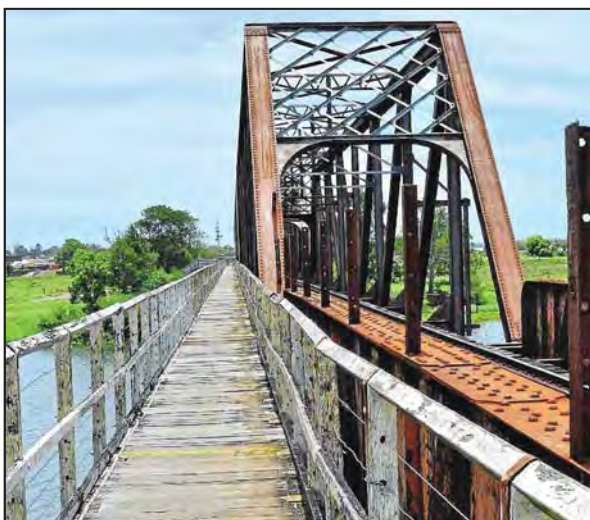
The bridge will now undergo a \$400,000 makeover beginning next February courtesy of money provided by the NSW government.

"The bridge is an important piece of infrastructure for Kempsey," Mr Scott said.

"The link that it provides between South and West Kempsey is vital and you really don't appreciate how close things are until you walk across the bridge."

Efficient job:

The footbridge near the railway bridge reopened nearly three weeks early after the removal of a water main



SES building takes shape in Gladstone

THE foundation slab for the new SES Headquarters building in Gladstone was poured this week. "Over the coming weeks the community will be able to see the progress on this job as the frames are erected and the building starts to take shape" Kempsey Shire Council Director of Infrastructure Services, Robert Scott said.

"This milestone is one of the most important as it means that all the work below the ground (that most people never see) is complete with above ground works commencing allowing the community to see the progress on the project".

A local building company was appointed by council to undertake the project.

"The project will slow down a little over the Christmas break, but all indications from the contractor appear that work will be completed fairly quickly after that" Mr Scott said.

This project is primarily funded by the State Government through funding previously set aside for providing new facilities to SES units with additional funding from capital improvement reserves for SES activities being contributed by Council.

The completion of this project will provide the local SES unit with facilities that are a big improvement from their current home in the garage of the Police Station site next door.

The Mayor's Mad Hatter's New Year's Eve Party

Tuesday 31 December
at the Slim Dusty Centre
7.30 for 8 till late!

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Tickets available at www.tickethost.com.au

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THE MAYOR'S MAD HATTER'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Don't miss the inaugural Mayor's Mad Hatters party to be held at the Slim Dusty Centre on New Year's Eve, from 8pm to late. The party is a charity event aimed at raising funds for community groups including our local disaster relief, Macleay Valley Education Fund and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

Everyone is invited and tickets are available online at tickethost.com.au or may be purchased from Kempsey's Customer Service Centre, Travellerscene Kempsey, Raw Spice Boutique, South West Rocks or Tango Moon at Crescent Head.

For further information call Kristy Forche-Baird on 6566 3113 or email kristy.forche-baird@kempsey.nsw.gov.au

CHANGES TO COMPANION ANIMAL REGISTRATION FEES

Registrations fees for the lifetime of companion animals (dogs and cats) as issued by the State Government as from 1 January 2014 will now be:

1. For a desexed animal (except an animal owned by an eligible pensioner) - \$49
2. For a desexed animal owned by an eligible pensioner - \$19
3. For an animal that is not desexed (except an animal kept by a recognised breeder for breeding purposes) - \$182
4. For an animal that is not desexed and that is kept by a recognised breeder for breeding purposes - \$40

SIMPLE ACTIONS FOR A MERRY GREEN CHRISTMAS

Over the festive season, we eat, drink, party and buy more than any other time of the year, but it's also when we're toughest on the environment due to the extra waste we generate and the extra resources we consume. A few basic actions can make a big difference to your environmental impact and your budget over Christmas.



In light of this, **Kempsey Shire Council** encourages everyone to check out Planet Ark's 12 Do's of Christmas website. It offers simple tips for making your family's Christmas special, without costing the earth - from fun festive recycled crafts, to feel-good gifts with meaning.

The 12 Do's of Christmas resource is made possible thanks to RecyclingNearYou.com.au, a free recycling directory for households established by Planet Ark, and it includes tips for reducing food waste and excess packaging, buying green gifts, and recycling items like wrapping paper, foil, cartons, drink

containers, plastic and cards as well as electronics and batteries. We hope you have a great merry green Christmas this year!

WATER ACCOUNT FINAL NOTICES ISSUED

Final Notices have been posted to those people who have not yet paid their September Water Account. The original Water Accounts were sent in October with reminder notices sent in November to people who had not paid.

If payment is not made, restriction of the water supply will occur. To prevent this restriction and the additional costs in reconnecting to the water supply, please pay your overdue Water Account NOW. The reconnection costs could amount to in excess of \$300.00 and is in addition to the outstanding Water Account.

If you are having a genuine difficulty making the payment, contact Council's Water Accounts staff on 6566 3200 to discuss easy payment options. A payment plan will prevent a water restriction on your property.

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T6-13-299	Wayne Ellis Architects	115-145 Sea Street Lot 6 Sec 28A DP759080 West Kempsey	Additions To Existing School Block B - Outdoor Covered Work Area
T6-13-325	Ball R & Ball B	Lot 114 Lot 117 Lot 118 Lot 119 & Lot 120 DP754441 Illa Langhi Rd Crescent Head Site 67	Continued Use Of An Existing Building As A Dwelling (Site 67)
T6-11-252 REV 04	Morrison Design Partnership	Lot 1 DP700765 Lot 2 DP700765 Lot 131 DP702389 & Lot 132 DP702389 71-97 Cochrane Street West Kempsey	Alterations & Additions To Nursing Home Facility
T6-13-333	Mrs K A Steer	Lot 114 Lot 117 Lot 118 Lot 119 & Lot 120 DP754441 Illa Langhi Rd Crescent Head Site 36	Continued Use Of An Existing Building As A Shed (Site 36)
T6-13-344	Ms R Hewitt	Lot 114 Lot 117 Lot 118 Lot 119 & Lot 120 DP754441 Illa Langhi Rd Crescent Head Site 25	Continued Use Of Existing Building As A Dwelling And Shed (Site 25)
T6-13-345	Mr I Ryan	Lot 114 Lot 117 Lot 118 Lot 119 & Lot 120 DP754441 Illa Langhi Rd Crescent Head Site 10	Continued Use Of An Existing Building As A Dwelling & Detached Carport/workshop (Site 10)
T6-13-347	Mr A S Forrest	8 Roy Kemp Close Lot 23 DP729843 Crescent Head	Alterations & Additions To Existing Two Storey Dwelling
T6-13-352	Mr B Adams	Lot 114 Lot 117 Lot 118 Lot 119 & Lot 120 DP754441 Illa Langhi Rd Crescent Head Site 9	Continued Use Of An Existing Building As A Shed (Site 9)
T6-13-356	Mr F Dykshoorn	Lot 114 Lot 117 Lot 118 Lot 119 & Lot 120 DP754441 Illa Langhi Rd Crescent Head Site 24	Continued Use Of Existing Structures (Site 24)
T6-13-358	Cobourn D & Cobourn D	Lot 114 Lot 117 Lot 118 Lot 119 & Lot 120 DP754441 Illa Langhi Rd Crescent Head Site 30	Dwelling & Continued Use Of Existing Structures (Site 30)
T6-13-234 REV 01	Blueprint Planning Consultants	98 Crescent Head Road Lot 1 DP569841 South Kempsey	Additions To Existing Educational Establishment

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Gravel Road Maintenance Grading: Armadale Road, Maria River Road

Roadside Slashing: Stuarts Point Road, Plummers Lane, Stuarts Point Road, Grassy Head Road, Collombatti Road

Other Works: Paragon/Prince of Wales Avenues, South West Rocks - street furniture, asphalt works; Thungutti Bellbrook Access Road (works for Dept of Housing) - seal





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2014 COUNCIL



SUPPORTER

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FILE	APPLICANT	LOCATION	DEVELOPMENT
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Jerseyville rock protection



Mattys Flat

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- **Drainage/Kerb/Footpath Maintenance:** Bloomfield street kerb and gutter repair
- **Bitumen Road Resealing/Maintenance:** Pothole patching South Kempsey streets, Aldavilla area, Gowings Hill Road, Plummers Lane, South West Rocks Road. Heavy patching Armidale Road, Gap Creek area. Pavement Stabilisation Works Armidale Road
- **Bitumen Road Construction/Rehabilitation:** South West Rocks Road, Jerseyville - rock protection to creek bank, pavement widening to commence
- **Gravel Road Resheeting:** Flood damage repairs Nagles Falls Road, Flanagan's Lane, Raymonds Lane
- **Gravel Road Maintenance Grading:** Pee Dee Road, Armidale Road
- **Roadside Slashing:** Sutherlands Lane, Stuarts Point Road, West Kempsey area, Macleay Valley Way
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