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GRANTS

Flood Recovery Grants



Recovery grants of up to \$75,000 are available for eligible primary producers and up to \$50,000 are available for eligible small business or not-for-profit organisations.

For information on available recovery assistance for primary producers, visit the [NSW Rural Assistance Authority](#) website. For information on available recovery assistance for small business, visit the [Service NSW](#) website.

The Macleay Valley Business Awards



ENTRIES NOW OPEN

ENTRIES CLOSE: 12PM WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY, 2021

FOR MORE INFO GO TO:
WWW.MACLEAYVALLEYCHAMBER.COM.AU

With Special Thanks to All our Generous Sponsors

Did you know there is an Agricultural Category ???

The Macleay Valley Business Awards are OPEN until next Wed 19th May! Don't delay, Enter via <https://macleayvalleychamber.com.au/mvba2021/> today!

WORKSHOP

Future Proof- Help your Business weather the next natural disaster

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

Acclaimed entrepreneur and futurist, Gus Balbontin, is paying a visit to the Macleay to share preparedness strategies to help drive your business to new heights and build its resilience to possible future disruptions, such as natural disasters.

Date: Wed, May 26, 2021,
Time: 7 AM
Location: Slim Dusty Centre:
Coast: \$25. Register on [Eventbrite](#)

This workshop is coordinated by Kempsey Shire Council's Recovery Hub.



Rural Property Numbering Program



Could the police, ambulance or fire brigade find your house in the event of an emergency?

As part of their ongoing Recovery efforts, Kempsey Shire Council is issuing and installing free property numbers to owners of eligible properties located outside the shire's towns and villages who apply through Council's Rural Property Numbering Program.

Residents should go to Council's website to check if their property is eligible via an interactive map and then submit an application.

Council's Recovery Coordinator, Jo McGoldrick, said the simple addition of property numbers which are easily visible from the road could make a difference between saving and losing lives and homes.

"During the Black Summer Bushfires it became apparent that emergency services, particularly the NSW RFS crews, were having trouble identifying people's properties due to no clear numbers being displayed," she said.

"Currently, rural addresses are made up from all different types of identification and descriptions that assume local knowledge.

"This causes confusion, delays and inconvenience for emergency services and the delivery of goods and services. A standardised means of locating rural properties with a system that is accurate, easy to understand, and easy to apply, can make all the difference in quickly locating your house or your neighbours' house in an emergency."

Council received funding under the Federal Government's Drought Communities Program to provide and install the numbers on a large number of properties.

"We're encouraging residents to check their eligibility and apply for a number. The program is free but there are a limited amount of numbers available so get in quick," Ms McGoldrick said.

For more information on the program and to find the interactive map and fill out an application form click [here](#)

Alternatively, phone Council's Customer Service Centre on 6566 3200.

Sustainability Fest June 2021

Macleay Living sustainably invites everyone to celebrate World Environment Day on the 5th June, by coming along to the Sustainability Showcase from 8am-1pm at the Kempsey Riverside Markets.

This event will showcase goods, skills, knowledge and services of people and businesses who are active in enabling the transition to clean energy, a carbon free economy and addressing the climate emergency, as well as advocating for more sustainable lifestyles by reducing waste, reusing, and recycling resources.

In conjunction with Macleay Landcare Network and Kempsey Riverside Markets.

SUSTAINABILITY FEST JUNE 2021



The two-day Sustainability Fest will inspire and mobilise community members to find solutions to the climate and environmental crisis and empower them to embrace a new vision for our Valley.

Sustainability Showcase World Environment Day

Saturday June 5th @ 8am - 1pm
Kempsey Riverside Markets

Meet the people and businesses driving the change towards a sustainable and carbon free economy.



Who are we?

Macleay Living Sustainably is a volunteer community organisation in the Macleay Valley. Since starting in 2017, we've blossomed into a well organised and inclusive grassroots group with a vision for a beautiful Macleay Valley where wildlife, people, and our rivers, beaches and forests thrive. We are building a movement that strongly believes in people power and that our local community can create the change we need to address the climate crisis.

Sustainability Forum - The future we want

Saturday June 19th @ 9am-1pm
Melville High School

Over 15 workshops and powerful guest speakers
... expect to be surprised, excited, challenged,
informed and transformed!

For tickets and further info visit:

www.macleaylivingsustainably.com.au
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sustainability-forum-the-future-we-want-tickets-149433488587>

RATE RELIEF FOR LOCAL LAND SERVICES CUSTOMERS

18 Mar 2021

Landholders across NSW will receive welcome news in their mailboxes over the coming weeks, with their Local Land Services showing a zero balance for 2021.

Local Land Services Chief Executive Officer, David Witherdin said the rate relief is part of the NSW Government's latest drought package and will allow Local Land Services to provide the crucial support landholders need as they work towards drought recovery.

"This rate relief means landholders will still have access to our technical experts, programs and training, while making valuable savings," Mr Witherdin said.

"Rates are a vital source of funding for Local Land Services, and they go a long way to supporting the work of our dedicated branch officers and district veterinarians across the state.

"This work is crucial after several years of drought, so I encourage landholders to reach out to their closest Local Land Services office to take advantage of their local expertise as we navigate the long-term recovery process, together.

"Whether it's helping landholders manage feral pests, or investigating a health issue in livestock, you can count on your Local Land Services team to provide practical, hands-on advice."

The work supported by rates includes:

- Coordinating and supporting landholders to control pests and meet their legal obligations
- Local Land Services vets' animal health programs
- Supporting agriculture and animals during emergencies
- Supporting stock identification systems

Mr Witherdin said while rates are expected to return to normal in 2022, it is hoped landholders can make the most of the improved seasonal conditions across large parts of the state.

"With a zero balance on this year's rates notice, landholders can make the most of the savings, keep more money on-farm, and invest in the future," Mr Witherdin said.

Head to the Local Land Services website, contact your closest office, or call 1300 795 299 if you would like more information on your rates notice or to find out more about the services offered by Local Land Services.



Farmers
Community
Connect

Supporting flood affected farmers on the Mid North Coast with donations of hay

- bringing together rural support
- farming families
- one location!

A feel-good, well-deserved community day out in
Wingham & Kempsey for flood affected farmers,
with access to:

- RRT's FREE BBQ lunch & barista coffee
- Bales of hay to farmers in NSW Mid North Coast
- Mental health support
- Rural financial counseling
- Veterinary support



WINGHAM

7:00AM to 12:00PM
Thursday 20 May 2021

WHERE:
Wingham Showground,
Gloucester Road

KEMPSEY

7:00AM to 11:00AM
Friday 21 May 2021

WHERE:
Kempsey Showground via
Thompson Street

HOW TO
REGISTER:

IMPORTANT!
Register today
for your bales of hay

To register, visit
<http://bit.ly/FCCFloodRelief>,
call 0417 065 661 or email
action.au@rrtglobal.org

Registration cut off - Friday 7 May 2021

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COMMUNITY | COMPASSION | SUPPORT

Regional Development Australia Mid North Coast calling for
Committee applications.



Are you looking for a way to contribute to your region? Regional Development Australia Mid North Coast (RDAMNC) is seeking committed leaders to apply to join their Committee of Management.

RDAMNC is seeking regional leaders with vision, drive and business, government or community experience who can help to facilitate economic development opportunities and investment for our regional communities and create jobs and growth.

Applications are being sought from business and community leaders who have a proven track record of achieving meaningful outcomes in a complex environment.

[Apply here.](#)

SAVE THE DATE

The Workforce Development Forums

Regional Development Australia Mid North Coast and The Local Jobs Program a Federal Government Initiative will be running a Work Force Development Morning in Kempsey on Thursday 24th June with a registration form and more details to follow.

The Workforce Development Forums are designed to hear directly from local employers and better understand their stories from the ground around your concerns and current blockages. We are aware workforce development is a key priority for the Mid North Coast to meet current and future demand within our regional workforce. What strategies are currently in place and what innovative business practices are helping you garner success in your business? Please come along and join forces as a collaborative voice to support the regional economy and be heard.

Save the Date in your calendar and ensure you have space in your schedule to attend. Regional Development Australia and The Local Jobs Program value your support to help Mid North Coast Employers, and give them the opportunity to share their concerns, experiences, and ideas in a friendly and innovative environment.

Share your story

Share your story, seek out those businesses who need support, share those glimmers of positivity in our economy. Our Economic Development Team want to hear how you are adapting to these changed circumstances, what innovations you have put in place, or if you just need to reach out for help.

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