

**NEWS**

# Kempsey South students' hands-on science experiences



**EXPERIMENT:** Students were involved in multiple different experiments with the aid of their teachers. **Photo: Supplied.**



**ENJOYMENT:** The students at Kempsey South Public School had a terrific day for this year's science STEM activity challenge. **Photo: Supplied.**



**HANDS-ON:** Students weren't afraid to dive into the experiments on the science STEM activity challenge day. **Photo: Supplied.**

STUDENTS at Kempsey South Public School recently participated in a science STEM activity challenge.

The students benefited from hands on learning and participated in multiple different experiments throughout the day.

"The most productive learning occurs when students are highly-motivated and engaged in real-world, problem-based activities" Miss Laura Simpson, who helped organise a recent STEM activity challenge, said.

Students across the school engaged in STEM-based activities, from making ice-cream and using solar ovens to taking measurements on the effects of ambient temperature on melting ice and the irreversible changes that occur in proteins when placed under intense heat.

"Our students are really focused on the world around them and Sam in particular is so interested in the effects of heating and cooling devices that he initiated a request of our Principal to focus explicit teaching on the theme," Miss Calen Fair added.

The students all had a great day and are looking forward to the next science day

# Community housing boost

NOT-FOR-PROFIT housing provider Community Housing Limited (CHL) will now manage the provision of social housing to more than 2200 more people on the Mid North Coast.

In an announcement made by the New South Wales Minister for Social Housing, Pru Goward, CHL was successful in its tender under the Social Housing Management Transfer Program for the Port Macquarie, Kempsey and Nambucca areas.

CHL will take management responsibility for around 1300 additional properties, currently managed by Family and Community Services (FACS).

Alongside this portfolio growth, CHL will also take responsibility for managing all applications for social housing and private rental assistance in the area, and will take a lead role in coordinating the social housing and homelessness sector across the Mid North Coast region.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for CHL to provide more services to more people, in places where the company has a long history of serving the community," Steve Bevington, managing director of Community Housing Ltd, said.

The State Government is transferring the management of around 14,000 social housing tenancies to community housing providers by 2019 bringing the total stock under management by community housing providers to 32 per cent.

Properties are scheduled to transfer in late 2018 with the NSW Government maintaining ownership of all of the properties and leasing them to CHL for a 20-year period.

"CHL is looking forward to working closely with tenants and communities, our key partners in the region and FACS over the coming months, to make the transfer a success and improving the overall social housing outcomes in the region," Dr Lucy Burgmann, NSW manager for CHL, said.

## COMMUNITY CATCHUPS

Council will be commencing a program of Community Catchups to give residents the opportunity to find out more about projects and priorities specific to their area of the Macleay.

Part of council's communications strategy, the catchups will be scheduled quarterly at different locations in the shire and will involve councillors and council staff but will be less formal than a council meeting.

To ensure the meetings cover the issues important to local residents, council is inviting the community to submit questions they would like answered via <http://yoursay.macleay.nsw.gov.au>

Residents are encouraged to attend the first Community Catchup at the Stuarts Point Hall on Ocean Street, Stuarts Point on Wednesday, October 25 from 5pm until 7pm.

For more information go to: [www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/council/catch-up](http://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au/council/catch-up)

## PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION Plan of Management for Community Land

Kempsey Shire Council's Draft Plan of Management (POM) is currently on exhibition and feedback from the community via submission is welcomed. The POM provides a framework for the management and development of Council owned community land and establishes directions for planning, resource management and maintenance.

Community members are invited to a Public Information Session to find out more about the POM and how to go about making a submission.

**INFORMATION SESSION PUBLIC HEARING:** Tuesday 31 October, 5:30pm – 6:30pm  
Committee Room, Kempsey Shire Council Civic Centre  
22 Tozer Street, West Kempsey

Those interested in attending can register by calling Customer Service on 02 6566 3200.

Copies of the Draft POM are available on Council's website at [kempsey.nsw.gov.au/exhibition](http://kempsey.nsw.gov.au/exhibition) or hard copies are available for reference between 8:30am and 4:30pm at Council's Customer Service Centre located at 22 Tozer Street, West Kempsey.

Submissions should be addressed to the General Manager and may be made electronically to [ksc@kempsey.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ksc@kempsey.nsw.gov.au) or in hard copy to PO Box 3078, West Kempsey, NSW 2440.

**ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BEFORE 4:30PM ON 16 NOVEMBER, 2017.**

Please note that any submission received by Council may be made publicly available.



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