

# Hundreds on housing list



□ **Finding homes:**  
Steve Bevington

By Kieran Moran

KEMPSEY is experiencing one of the biggest social housing crisis situations in the state.

The waiting time for housing in Kempsey is currently from five to 10 years and even with 472 NSW Housing dwellings in the area, the situation is not getting any better.

"The main issues reflect state-wide issues, but are overlaid by a number of factors special to Kempsey," Arthur McCulloch from the Mid North Coast Tenants Advice Service said.

"The long waiting lists and the lack of social housing reflect not growing the social housing system.



□ **Complex needs:** 198 families in Kempsey are listed on the public housing register as waiting for homes

"In the 12 months to June 2014, 57 applicants were housed in the Kempsey area, with 198 applicants remaining on the housing register.

"High levels of unemployment make affordability of housing a key issue.

"The Office of Regional Education, Skills and Jobs 2013 Plan notes that the key areas of disadvantage that Kempsey and Nambucca face

are the high levels of welfare dependence in the region."

Community Housing is a company that provides long-term, secure affordable housing to those most in need in the Kempsey region.

Its managing director, Steve Bevington, told The Macleay Argus the Kempsey region had been recognised as one of the top six disadvantaged communities in NSW.

"A recent Senate report recognised the Kempsey region with a very low socio-economic demographic, with high rates of petty crime, unemployment and lack of affordable housing," Mr Bevington said.

"One of the most significant issues in the region is a high level of unemployment, which is directly linked to challenges in securing housing.

"In other parts of NSW there appears to be a shift towards smaller accommodation, but in the Kempsey region we are witnessing a high demand for large family-type accommodation.

"The demand for affordable housing for those with high and complex needs is increasing, and Community Housing aims to assist those by providing appropriate housing."

## Festive events to be combined

THE Riverside Markets and the Kempsey District Silver Band have combined their events, which will take place on December 6.

The first Twilight Markets, organised by Kate Mainey with the Chamber of Commerce, are running from 4pm to 8pm.

The Riverside Carols, which are run and organised by the Kempsey District Silver Band, will run from 7pm to 9.30pm. They will be followed by fireworks.

Santa will be visiting during the carols.

Visitors should bring chairs and blankets.

In the event of wet weather, the carols will take place at Kempsey Racecourse.

The program will include performances by St Joseph's Primary School, Kempsey West Public School, Aldavilla Public School and Kempsey High School, as well as by students from Vogue.

Special guest bands include Funk n Bone, Klepta Klezm and The Syndicators.

## At Hat Head

EVERYONE is warmly invited to a free barbecue and carols in the grounds of the Anglican Church in Straight St, Hat Head on Sunday, December 21.

The barbecue will start at 5pm.

## DECEMBEARD



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## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS

Notification is given in accordance with section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 of the granting of the following development consents and complying development certificates:

FILE	APPLICANT	LOCATION	DEVELOPMENT
T6-13-223	Mr D J Thurgood	Lot 175 DP754400 707 Loftus Road & Lot 176 DP754400 591 Loftus Road Crescent Head	Two (2) Dwellings
T6-14-249	Reardon T & Reardon L	16 Morton Avenue Lot 36 DP9648 Smithtown	Dwelling
T6-14-260	Pycon Constructions Pty Ltd	567 Summer Island Road Lot 602 DP604112 Summer Island	Demolish Existing and Construct New Dwelling
T6-14-269	Hadlow Design Services	47A Macleay Street Lot 25 DPI087754 Frederickton	Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling And Garage
T6-14-296	Mr C J Lawson	111a Langi Road Lot 1 DPI191860 Crescent Head	Dwelling & Two Sheds (Site 51)
T6-14-302	Hadlow Design Services	6 Houison Place Lot 78 DPI037721 South West Rocks	Two Storey Dwelling
T6-14-305	Macleay Valley Sheds	9 Hat Head Road Lot 5 Sec C DP2030 Kinchela	Shed
T6-14-314	Green Ant Holdings Pty Ltd	3 Kirkwood Place Lot 20 DPI036354 Stuarts Point	Dwelling
T6-14-317	Macleay Valley Sheds	43 Channells Way Lot 12 DPI013727 Euroka	Storage Shed

These are available for inspection free of charge at Kempsey Shire Council, 22 Tozer Street, West Kempsey, any time between 8.30am and 4.30pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays).

## WEEKLY WORKS SCHEDULE



Macleay Valley Way crack sealing



Sherwood Road intersection upgrade

**Bridge Construction/Maintenance:** Lovelocks Bridge, Turners Flat Road - replace decking  
**Flood Mitigation Maintenance:** McAndrew's, Collins, Oaks Drain, Willow Drain, Schoolhouse Drain, Summer Island area - drain spraying; Kinchela Creek and Belmore River Flood Relief Gates - routine maintenance  
**Drainage/Kerb/Footpath/Drainage Maintenance:** East Kempsey - footpath maintenance; Macleay Valley Way - vegetation control  
**Bitumen Road Resealing/Maintenance:** Stuarts Point Road, Grassy Head Road, Armidale Road (Temagog Road to Hickeys Creek Road) - pothole patching; Belmore River Right Bank Road, South West Rocks Road - heavy patching; Macleay Valley Way - crack sealing  
**Bitumen Road Construction/Rehabilitation:** Sherwood and Aerodrome Road intersection upgrade - form and pour V-Drain, place and prepare pavement for sealing; River Street, Greenhill (Forest Lane to Gordon Lane) - reconstruction through cutting, infill behind kerbs, clean up site; Armidale Road (east of Mungay Creek Road) - pavement widening  
**Gravel Road Maintenance Grading:** Armidale Road - downriver maintenance grading suspended due to lack of water  
**Roadside Slashing:** Macleay Valley Way (south), Collombatti Road, Chain O' Ponds Road, Spooners Avenue, Crotty's Lane, Sherwood Road  
**Other Works:** Airport Re-Development

## ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE



Council is striving to ensure we are accountable and open in reporting to you, our community. Council has prepared the 2013 - 14 Annual Report as part of a suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) documents. The Annual Report illustrates Council's operations and achievements for 2013 - 14 in relation to the 2013 - 14 Operational Plan. Copies of the Annual Report are available online at [www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au](http://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](mailto:ksc@kempsey.nsw.gov.au)

You are welcome to attend our next meeting to be held at 9am on Tuesday 16 December 2014 in Council Chambers. CUSTOMER SERVICES - 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday 22 Tozer Street, West Kempsey or PO Box 3078, West Kempsey 2440 [www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au), [ksc@kempsey.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ksc@kempsey.nsw.gov.au) Phone 6566 3200 Fax 6566 3205

