

CRESCENT HEAD COMMUNITY CATCH UP SUMMARY REPORT

2022

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Date:	12 May 2022 5-7PM
Venue:	Crescent Head Surf Life Saving Club
Materials Provided:	Butchers paper, sticky notes, stationery, fact sheets of major projects happening within Crescent Head and the Shire.
Event description:	A structured workshop where participants worked in small table groups to consider localised issues and provide Council with their questions, concerns and expectations. The format allowed everyone to have their say, Council to capture feedback and Council to report back to community about key issues.
Key themes we heard:	The importance of retaining the village atmosphere while improving the open and greenspaces of the public domain; Improve condition and maintenance of the road network, including the car parks along the foreshore and village; Strong engagement and research required for the next stages of the Public Domain Plan.
Feedback of the workshop:	A positive opportunity to meet and discuss the future of the community with the Councillors and community members through an open discussion.

STRENGTHS OF OUR COMMUNITY

We asked participants what they value as the strengths of their community. The top responses are listed below in order of popularity.

The top responses:

- the beauty of the natural spaces and greenspaces
- everyone knows each other and cares for one another
- the surf culture of the community and village, including being able to pull up at the Point and go surfing
- community comes together in an emergency
- the volunteers of the town – RFS, P&C, SLSC



PRIORITIES

We asked participants what their priorities are for Crescent Head. These are listed below, in order of popularity:

- retaining the village atmosphere while improving the open and greenspaces of the public domain
- improve and maintain condition of roads and footpaths including kerbs and guttering, potholes, trees growing over signage and uneven footpaths
- sustainable and self-sufficient development and improved town infrastructure for the growing population
- improved sewer and water treatment facilities
- more accessible beach access for all and clearly marked dog friendly access zones to and on the beach
- monitor short term rentals
- improved traffic management including traffic flow, car parking availability and policing of carparks during peak periods
- monitoring and reporting of the health of Killick Creek
- enforce parking time limits and persons camping overnight in vehicles
- wholistic design and application for the foreshore and village designs, including peaceful co-existence of both people and cars in the foreshore area
- improved emergency management procedures to manage isolation during flood events
- local housing affordability and availability
- signage and information about the Dunghutti cultural heritage of the area
- ongoing protection of Big Nobby with the development of Management Plans
- bushfire Management Plans for the town including access points, key contacts and emergency meeting points
- increase school size and capacity
- finalise Muddy Arm walking track and rehabilitation plans and works

- improved management and communications regarding asbestos throughout the town
- more communications about current and future Development Applications (DA's), such as the 109 new housing blocks, and the impact it will have on the environment
- more facilities, amenities, and open spaces to be accessible for the elderly and persons with disability
- enforce building compliance regulations and ensure all Development Applications (DA's) are approved before works commence

EXPECTATIONS

We asked participants what they expect from Council over the coming years. The responses are below, in order of popularity:

- listen, act, communicate
- strong engagement and ongoing communications about all projects and events happening within Crescent Head
- more detailed research and analysis of the types of people who use the foreshore for future designs and masterplans
- improved emergency management communications for those with limited/no internet access
- enforce regulations and ensure compliance to parking/traffic regulations, building and development regulations and overnight camping regulations
- deliver projects on time and on budget
- implement a procurement policy giving advantage to local businesses (where possible)
- undertake an independent assessment for asbestos across the whole foreshore and village areas
- clear communications and reporting on changes to the carpark, including changes to the number of car parks that will be available
- be transparent and honest when consulting the community and support the ideas of the whole community
- transform Little Nobby into an aesthetically pleasing location using materials on the walking tracks that blend into the natural environment
- work in partnership with other government agencies to deliver outcomes that benefit the community such as dog off-leash zones with NPWS and advocating to build 'on' and 'off' ramps on Crescent Head Road
- access more funding for community

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

Public Domain Plan	
Very interested to see the formation of a consultative committee for the foreshore plan.	An element of the engagement plan approved by Council includes establishing a Community Advisory Group that will have formalised Terms of Reference and decision scope. Participation will be promoted to the community.
Why doesn't the preliminary design for the Little Nobby walkway include a return path on the northern side of the Nobby, as many people return down on that side now and will probably continue to do the same once the works are complete?	A circular pathway route has been investigated as part of the detail design phase. The route along the northern side of the headland has been retained. This will allow opportunities to restore and regenerate the central 'scald' area of the headland. The plans for Little Nobby are now on Public Exhibition .
Boardwalk around Little Nobby. Possibly circular not straight up and down.	A circular pathway route has been investigated as part of the detail design phase. This will allow the route along the northern side of the headland to be retained. The plans for Little Nobby are now on Public Exhibition .
Does the council feel good about booting out the annual caravan licenses from the caravan park at Crescent Head? The licence holders offered to pay market rates. The other parks that the council manage have their licenses extended, is this fair practice?	Council's decision regarding the discontinuation of annual licence vans at Crescent Head Holiday Park was made after extensive community, visitor and stakeholder consultation and economic, financial, and social analysis which was undertaken by a third-party independent consultant across all five Macleay Valley Coast Holiday Parks (MVCHP). Each of the MVCHP have different markets, occupancy, economic and financial returns and hence the Annual Licence Strategy was determined for each park reflecting the specific individual circumstances. A fully copy of the consultant's report can be accessed in the April 2021 Council Meeting minutes. It is important to note, that the decision not to renew annual licenses at CHHP was based on multiple factors such as: 1) comparison of the actual revenue of the annual licence fee versus potential revenue from short term tourist site rental; 2) comparison of the social and economic impacts of annual licences versus short term tourist site rental; 3) the best and most equitable use of high demand community Crown Land. Further, as an annual licence holder, the contract that is entered into is based on an annual exclusive occupancy for that 12-month period only, with no guarantees provided for further continuation of the agreement. As the Crown Land Manager, Council is now exercising its legal right not to renew these contractual agreements, which provides greater benefits to all residents of, and visitors to, Crescent Head and Kempsey Shire.
Does the village of Crescent Head support the changes the Council is making?	Community was polled on Your Say Macleay, during the initial round of engagement, and asked to answer Yes or No to the following question: I like the draft designs for the foreshore and village centre? 59% responded YES 41% responded NO
Where will the commercial garbage bins be located following upgrade works to the war memorial park opposite the bakery?	The design proposal for Main Street and Lloyd Park is shown on page 58 of the Crescent Head Public Domain Plan. A detailed design for Lloyd Park and Main Street is underway. This includes consultation with business stakeholders on future commercial waste bin locations.

What is happening about the improvements to the foreshore carpark area and green space area?	The Crescent Head Public Domain Plan outlines the improvements to the village and foreshore area, and further engagement opportunities that will be available to community.
How are plans and funding developing the rehabilitation of the area surrounding the surf club and associated kiosk tracking?	The design documentation is completed.
With regards to the public domain foreshore project planning, will Council be completing a demographic survey and study of the users of the foreshore area with regards to user numbers, activities, user needs and with a recommendation on the appropriate number of day visitor carparking spaces which should be provided within the public reserve?	Council will conduct a formal request for quote for an external consultant to undertake research of the use of the area and design of the public spaces. There will also be community engagement opportunities for community to share their knowledge of the usage of the public spaces.
Can we please be proactive and reach a compromise on parking and day visitor area at the Point at Crescent Head? The only practical solution is to remove the first row of caravan sites facing the point, make that into parking. Then turn existing row of parking into grass day area. More ambience and better views. It would be a solution to all sides of the discussion, increased grassy family day area to enjoy and plenty of parking at the point to see the surf. Yes, it will cost in terms of lost revenue but sometimes you have to be brave and make a decision for the future. As to the existing parking near the day visitor playground area facing the creek, why has the drainage never been fixed? 4-8 car parks are lost most days of the year as they are under water and people cannot park there and get out of their cars. Photos and requests to snap send solve have not elicited a response. The car parks are there but unusable for a lot of the time. Parking is difficult as Crescent Head becomes more settled and popular, can you fix the drainage so we can use what is already there?	In August 2021, Council endorsed a seven-stage step approach to engage the community, finalise a design brief and prepare landscape designs. Further engagement opportunities to share design ideas will be available between now and December 2023. The design and drainage of the car park will be raised and discussed during the research and design stages. Council has undertaken detailed investigation and review of the holiday park footprint/boundary in relation to the Crescent Head Foreshore Public Domain design with numerous reports being presented to Council on this matter. The latest Council report was 15 March 2022 where it was resolved to maintain the current holiday park boundary based on: • Economic contribution of the holiday park to the local area and broader shire in terms of visitation and economic benefit to local businesses. • Revenue generated by the holiday park is reinvested into crown lands within Crescent Head and across the shire therefore precluding any changes that would negatively impact visitation or the revenue generated. Council also has an obligation as a crown land manager to manage and develop the holiday park as a commercial business. • Existing contractual agreements for the management of the Crescent Head holiday park and lease of land for Crescent Head golf course until 2027 which form a critical part of council's commercial management of crown land. A copy of the Council Business Paper and Report can be located here: Item 9.1 • Ordinary-Council-Meeting-15-March-2022 (15).pdf • 9-1-1-Crescent-Head-Foreshore-Review-of-Project-Scope-Report (4).pdf
What does maintaining a village atmosphere and the surf culture of CH look like?	The Your Future Places and Spaces outlines the future priorities for community infrastructure across the Macleay Valley.
Are the existing footpaths in the village and along the creek to Willow Street going to be upgraded or maintained? This was mentioned in the Master Plan with the aim of creating a safe area for elderly to exercise or for those in the process of rehabilitation from illness or surgery.	Willow Street and village pathways have been addressed in the Crescent Head Masterplan , which will enable a detailed design to occur when further funding is allocated. There will also be community engagement opportunities for community to share their knowledge of the usage of the public spaces.

Roads and Footpaths	
Quite a few residents who live in the Dulconghi estate and Maria River Road would like to propose the creation of a safe shared pathway for bikes and walkers between either Neville Morton drive or Maria River and connect this with the path at the school. This would link these growing neighbours with the township, the school and all its services.	Councils adopted Bike Plan identifies construction of an off-road 2.5m wide shared cycleway as a medium-term priority. Council is currently focussing on the delivery of the high priority projects as scheduled in the adopted Bike Plan, noting the recently completed shared pathway from the school to the sporting fields was scheduled as a high priority project. The extension of this pathway to Neville Morton Drive has significant construction challenges through the floodway section of Crescent Head Road with current cost estimates in the vicinity of \$1 million, unlikely to be funded by Council in the short term.
The state of our roads and roadside edges is shocking. Especially Dulconghi St. What are you going to do about it?	Council is currently reviewing road rehabilitation priorities from a local government wide perspective. Crescent Head has been identified for a number of small rehabilitation projects, however Skyline Crescent and Dulconghi Street have not been identified to receive funding. I assure you Council is very much aware of the current condition of Skyline Crescent and Dulconghi Street and for that matter other adjoining roads within this area of Crescent Head. You would be aware these roads were developed as part of the early residential subdivision growth of Crescent Head. Standards for infrastructure services were very basic and combined with the very steep topography has resulted in local road assets in need of reconstruction or new works to comply with current standards. This is forms part of a broader context of required upgrades for Council and the cost of the necessary works to bring the road assets to a higher standard is currently beyond Councils capacity to fund in the short term.
Can council elevate the new footpath going past the school towards Walton Rugby Field or somehow improve the drainage problem so the path can be utilised?	Council staff are investigating options to rectify the recurring flooding that has impacted the new footpath, the solution will likely include a combination of both raising the footpath and improving drainage.
Are you going to improve the condition of the roads and footpaths in Skyline and Dulconghi?	Council is currently reviewing road rehabilitation priorities from a local government wide perspective. Crescent Head has been identified for a number of small rehabilitation projects, however Skyline Crescent and Dulconghi Street have not been identified to receive funding. I assure you Council is very much aware of the current condition of Skyline Crescent and Dulconghi Street and for that matter other adjoining roads within this area of Crescent Head. You would be aware these roads were developed as part of the early residential subdivision growth of Crescent Head. Standards for infrastructure services were very basic and combined with the very steep topography has resulted in local road assets in need of reconstruction or new works to comply with current standards. This is forms part of a broader context of required upgrades for Council and the cost of the necessary works to bring the road assets to a higher standard is currently beyond Councils capacity to fund in the short term.
Parking at holiday rental properties: Some holiday rental houses rent out 12 beds and they only have a single garage (that the owner sometimes keeps for themselves) so everyone is forced to park on the street. Holiday rental property owners and customers should be made to park on the property, not the street. How can this be enforced?	Holiday rental houses are exempt development under the Short-Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) framework that the State Government have created. Any issues of overcrowding and amenity complaints are to be directed to the Department of Fair Trading New South Wales. The have the capacity to act upon complaints and ban host properties and patrons of the STRAs from operating.

Dogs off Leash	
Why has Council not backed the community with respect to the NPWS proposal to close Goolawah Beach car park to dog walking and instead propose building a new car park off Skyline Crescent? What is Council's response?	Numerous correspondence between Council and the State Minister have occurred with the consistent message that the access through Goolawah Beach car park for dog walking will not be supported.
Is it true that there is no legal green space for off-leash dog walking in the village of Crescent Head?	This is correct. There has never been a legally identified dog-off leash green space within Crescent Head. Council Officers are exploring options in this space.
KSC offered half of the soccer field - no longer viable due to the soccer club usage, and the alternative possible venue Roo Park has no car parking; it is not fenced on the Crescent Head/Kempsey Rd side, and it has not been mown this year. Are there any plans for Council to offer this space as an off-leash dog walking area? Could KSC please put a fence across Roo Park on the Crescent Head Road border so it can be used as an off-leash dog park?	Roo Park has potential to be a space for a dog-off leash area.
Is it true that there is no provision for 'off-leash' dog walking in the proposed new sub-division?	There is a proposed park area to be dedicated to Council. Its usage as an 'off-leash' dog walking area needs to be contemplated in the context of Crescent Head village as a whole.
Is Council aware that with the new signage identifying National Park on both sides of Killick Creek from Muddy Arm, that there is no provision for dog swimming. It has been widespread practice for decades to kayak or paddle board in Killick Creek or at Ryan's Cut and swim dogs alongside. Where is the closest legal area where dog owners can swim dogs in still waters?	This area is classed as National Parks and is maintained by NPWS. The Council dog walking map can be found here . You can swim your dog, on a leash, in any of the areas not identified as National Parks or dog prohibited on the maps.
The Back Beach needs proper and safe access for all so we can enjoy the free environment to enable the fun for pooch and owners, but more importantly, our physical and mental health. Can the 200 metres off leash section of Front Beach be lengthened please?	Back Beach access is through NPWS. The Killick Beach dog-off leash zone information can be found here . The off leash and on leash areas of front beach are even split at roughly 200 metres each.
Has Council considered the area north of Willow St (behind Lakeview Units) as a suitable area for off-leash dogs now that restrictions are in place on the beach and creek precincts?	This area has been incorporated in a strategic planning review.
LOSS OFF DOG WALKING AREAS – KILLICK BEACH 1. Is Council aware that NPWS are suggesting Reference: Ministerial Correspondence D22/1230 – “NPWS also offered a compromise of supporting dog walking access in the intertidal zone adjacent to Hat Head National Park for one kilometre north of the park boundary in its submission to Kempsey Shire Council’s review of dog exercise areas in 2021.” If this is the case, why did Council choose to limit that area to 200m? 2. Is Council aware that the Minister is considering a proposal to re-instate legal transit of a dog in a car or on a leash through Hat Head National Park	1. Currently dogs are permitted in the intertidal zone from the Crescent Head footbridge all the way to Hungry Head. 2. No. 3. No. 4. No. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. Noted.

via Richardson's Crossing? 3. Macleay River Estuary Migratory and Threatened Shore Bird Strategy 2019. Is Council aware all beaches south of Ryan's Cut are of LOW conservation value due to decades of intensive sand mining. Killick Beach was only elevated to MODERATE status by artificial weighting and double counting. Richardson's Crossing is a popular beach entry point (in fact the only one) for people and 4WD access. The weighting in this survey counts people and 4WD as disturbance factors and then doubles the number on the probability that equal number of people and 4WD will access the beach at this point. 4. Is Council aware that the Australian Pied Oyster Catcher is secure federally and NOT LISTED EPBC ACT-The Australian Government's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. It has existed and thrived in an environment shared with people, dogs, horses and 4WD on Killick Beach. It does not roost on the beach. 5. Is Council aware that there is NO RECOMMENDATION to ban dogs or 4WD on Killick in the Macleay River Estuary Migratory and Threatened Shore Bird Strategy 2019. 6. Is Council aware that in the Macleay River Estuary Migratory and Threatened Shore Bird Strategy 2019 The weighting of 1 for disturbance by dogs on leash is the same as that for horses, erosion, horse riding & mangrove encroachment, and is considered less of a disturbance than from people on foot (weighting of 2). (Source: Table 6 Macleay River Estuary Migratory and Threatened Shorebird Species Strategy follow-up shorebird survey 2018–19) Given the NPWS willingness to allow dog walking in the intertidal zone north of the NPWS boundary, and the Minister's willingness to consider access for a dog in a car or on a leash via Richardson's Crossing, along with the now accepted and proven relatively ecological insensitivity of that stretch of coast, CHDaWG would like to propose Council consider 'off-leash dog walking SOUTH from Richardson's Crossing and on-leash dog walking NORTH of Richardson's Crossing.	
LOSS OFF DOG WALKING AREAS – GOOLAWAH BEACH 1. Is Council aware that the Minister is considering a proposal to re-instate legal transit of a dog in a car or on a leash through Goolawah National Park	1. No. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. Yes. It is not currently identified or budgeted in the forward works programs.

via the 4WD access road? 2. Macleay River Estuary Migratory and Threatened Shore Bird Strategy 2019. Is Council aware that the entire GOOLAWAH BEACH is identified as the least environmentally sensitive of all our local beaches with a shore bird tally of ZERO. It is of LOW conservation value due to decades of intensive sand mining. There are no identified nesting or roosting sites for shorebirds. 3. Is Council aware that there is NO RECOMMENDATION to ban dogs or 4WD on Goolawah Beach in the Macleay River Estuary Migratory and Threatened Shore Bird Strategy 2019. 4. Is Council aware of the NPWS proposal, Reference: Ministerial Correspondence D22/1230 ... "NPWS has been working with Kempsey Shire Council over the past two years to identify alternative locations to provide access to the council-managed section of Goolawah Beach without having to traverse the national park. NPWS has scoped and reviewed the informal access off Skyline Crescent and firmly believes a carpark in the saddle clearing and a formal elevated walking platform to Goolawah Beach would be viable on this location." Is this an option? Is Council seriously considering. 5. Given the NPWS Minister's willingness to consider access for a dog in a car or on a leash via Goolawah 4WD access road along with the now accepted and proven relatively ecological insensitivity of that stretch of coast, CHDaWG would like to propose Council consider 'off-leash' dog walking in the intertidal zone SOUTH from Goolawah 4WD access road and no dog walking in the Koala sensitive NORTH of Goolawah 4WD access. If Council kept this off leash dog walking map on line until 23rd January 2021, (as proposed for reinstatement above) was Council aware that NPWS had acquired the Goolawah Beach intertidal zone in 2016?	5. Noted. Council discovered the 2011 gazettal of Back Beach through its signage review program in 2020.
Dog access to Goolawah Beach: The NPWS Draft Plan of Management for Goolawah NP proposes to cease existing transitional arrangements which were in place to allow continued access through Goolawah National Park to access a council-managed, leash-free dog exercise area on Goolawah Beach. In a response on behalf of the Minister for Environment, Naomi	The proposal has merit as an access option. Currently there is no planning for the option and no funding has been allocated from any forward works program. As such, there have been requests for contributions from NPWS.

Stephens (Executive Director, Park Operations Coastal National Parks and Wildlife Service) states that: "NPWS has been working with Kempsey Shire Council over the past two years to identify alternative locations to provide access to the council-managed section of Goolawah Beach without having to traverse the national park. NPWS has scoped and reviewed the informal access off Skyline Crescent and firmly believes a carpark in the saddle clearing and a formal elevated walking platform to Goolawah Beach would be viable at this location. This option has been put to Kempsey Shire Council for its consideration and NPWS would support Council in its implementation". Can Council please advise: * Whether Council supports this proposal? * What stage planning is at? * Whether funds have been allocated for design, construction or maintenance? * Is project listed in 2022 - 2026 Delivery Program & Operational Plan? * Whether funding will be contributed by NPWS? * As the proposed track passes through littoral rainforest (which is an endangered ecological community in EPBC Act and the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act), what EIS is required? * What arrangements are proposed re carparking & traffic management on Skyline Crescent?	
Is there a plan to enforce having dogs on a lead around the surf club, especially on weekends? Owners are abusive if you ask them to leash their dogs and last week, an owner watched their dog poop on the grass and did nothing. We had already been abused by him for asking them to leash their dog as it was "playing" with another dog on a lead. By playing I mean it was racing back and forth through the cafe area and in front of the club. I have a photo of the dog pooping, so this is real. There was no engaging in a constructive conversation with this owner as an individual.	Dogs are legally required to be on-leash at all times unless within a designated dog off-leash area. Council Rangers are able to enforce this legislation and issue fines if required.
OTHER	
When will the ratepayers of Crescent Head get a regular real return for their rates outlay?	The 2022-23 financial year will see the delivery of a large capital works program (\$107M) across the shire that will result in a variety of new and replacement assets, facilities and infrastructure. Projects for the Crescent Head area include: • Construction of a new water treatment plant (multi-year project) • Investigating options to improve flood immunity for the Crescent Head Road at Rudders Lagoon • Crescent Head Foreshore asbestos remediation works • Crescent Head netball courts amenity upgrade • Stormwater Korogora St to Hodgson St, Crescent Head (A8) Design

Does the council have a register of the short-term holiday rental properties that are registered with the department of fair trading?	Council do not have a register of short-term holiday rental properties. The register is held by Fair Trading and Council have controlled access for compliance only.
Will the sports courts in Crescent Head be getting an upgrade?	Council has been successful in securing grant funding to resurface the existing netball courts. The works will be undertaken in the 2022-2023 financial year.
Has Council considered the car park near the pool and rotunda as a viable "Free Camping" area for self-contained motor homes - possibly from 5pm - 8am with a maximum stay of 2 nights?	The area referenced is part of Crown Reserve 90828 – Baker Drive Recreation Reserve. The Reserve Purpose is Public Recreation with the Reserve Category being Sportsground. A free campground on this reserve would be considered incompatible with the reserve purpose and category. Further, in order to maintain sustainable tourism within Crescent Head area, it is best for tourists to utilise the regulated and approved Holiday Parks that are already established in the area. Council has limited resources and it would not be financially sustainable to have resources dedicated to enforcing the requirements of a free-camping site when existing premises are already established in this village that can ensure camping occurs within approved and managed facilities.
The airport charges you wish to impose are not in line with national charges. This is an important asset is managed very poorly and, in the past, has been used as a way of paying other things and charging against the airport this is an airport first and foremost for aircraft. Can you explain your rationale for the charges and maintenance of the airport?	There are no 'legislated national charges' that apply to airports in Australia. As part of the review for the FY2022-23 fees and charges, Council conducted a comparative review against other similar regional airports (prices can be found on their associated websites). In comparison, Kempsey still offers an economical landing fee. The expenditure by Council in maintaining airport buildings, grounds, equipment, aviation safety and security, and CASA requirements significantly exceeds any revenue generated by the Airport Fees and Charges, with the budget shortfall funded by all rate payers across the Shire. Furthermore, Council has successfully received 50% federal funding grants for the rehabilitation of the apron and taxiways, and for the installation of wildlife fencing surrounding the airside areas of the airport. The remaining 50% of funding is provided by Council. These are expected to be delivered progressively over the next 18 months. Council is further applying for the final round of federal regional airport funding for the resurfacing and rehabilitation of the runway pavement, drainage and new Pilot Activated Lighting system, which are to be delivered by April 2025, if we are successful. Owning and operating an airport is a highly regulated asset and requires significant cost to maintain compliance as a registered aerodrome.
Methods of reducing speed of cars when entering the Crescent village area as the current 50kph signs are ineffective. Recommendations have been forwarded by CHRARA suggesting solar flashing signs as are currently in use in Bellingen and we believe are more successful; and/or other methods such as island/roundabout at the town entry to indicate start of reduced speed zone. This would be relevant to many other townships in the Macleay.	Thank you for your suggestions in relation to traffic speeds entering the 50kmh speed zone at the Crescent head road and Pacific Street transition. Council traffic management staff will investigate the matter and advise the CHRARA further on the outcomes, including Council proposed actions.
Many residents concerned about the taste of water and drinking bottled water instead; also affects tourists as they feel water is unsafe. Can further independent investigation be undertaken about the quality of water in Crescent Head?	Kempsey Shire Council operates 8 Water Supply Schemes including the supply to Crescent Head. The water supplied across all of our water schemes is safe to drink from the tap, meeting the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG). Between our water supply schemes there may be slight differences in clarity, taste and odour; this is due to localised variations such as ground geology and organics

	at each of schemes source water extraction locations. Councils manages its water supply systems through a risk based approach in consultation with the local Public Health Unit (NSW Health) and other stakeholders such as the NSW Department of Planning and Environment. Along with daily inhouse operational monitoring and water testing to ensure disinfection is maintained across our network, Council also participate in a safe drinking water verification monitoring program sponsored by NSW Health which provides ongoing independent verification of the treatment process. The samples collected for the NSW Health Drinking Water Monitoring Program are analysed at the NSW Forensic and Analytical Science Service (FASS) laboratory. The parameters monitored include a suite of 32 chemical, physical and microbiological parameters. Results are stored within the NSW Government Drinking Water Database. Council is currently undertaking design investigations for the construction of a new Water Treatment Plant for Crescent Head. Council is expecting an award of contract for the Water Treatment Plant before the end of the 2022.
Lack of policing of parking and number of free campers at the point and around the village: Can better methods be implemented to improve the lack of policing of car parking and free camping at the Point, the village and surrounding areas. Especially during holiday periods as many residents are frustrated. Again, many solutions have been suggested by CHRARA in the past and include: - randomly having rangers stay in the area for a whole day - more night patrols - private security company to patrol - honorary rangers - move caravan overflow parking from Willow Street to behind the pool to free up short term parking spaces in Willow Street - publicise more heavily the fact that the area is not for free camping including common social media sites such as Wikicamps. - Put signs when leaving the highway that the coastal towns in the Kempsey Shire do not allow free camping and that visitor must have booked accommodation before travelling into the area if they plan to stay. Repeat these signs at the start of the towns themselves.	Providing the vehicles are registered and legally parked, they are permitted during the day in the village and at the Point. Camping is not permitted overnight in the street or reserves within Crescent Head. There are signs located at entry points into Crescent Head stating camping is not permitted. Council Rangers patrol the Crescent Head carparks on a rotating roster, with more resources dedicated to Crescent Head on holidays and event days. Council Rangers cannot legally move on campers on as that responsibility falls to the NSW Police. Council Rangers are only able to issue a fine when a car is parked illegally or used for overnight camping.
Restriction of future development to maintain the current characteristics of the village of Crescent Head and surrounds. Limit large subdivisions, high rise etc and conform to the Character Statement that Council agreed to. Also restrict future development until problems such as limited water supply, sewage treatment, parking capabilities etc are satisfactorily addressed.	Council is currently preparing a new Local Growth Management Strategy (LGMS) to ensure that predicted population growth over the next 20 years is provided for in terms of land availability and infrastructure capacity while respecting environmental and amenity values. A revised set of local character statements is also being drafted as part of this project - when finalised, future development in these localities should be in keeping with the attributes identified in the local character statements. Community feedback will be sought

	for the draft LGMS and revised local character statements. The LGMS project is expected to be finalised late 2022.
Would Council please advise the number of fines issued for the following: (a) Contravention of the 2 hour and 4-hour parking areas on the foreshore parking area; (b) Overnight camping on streets and reserves; (c) Dog owners not complying with the areas where dogs are prohibited and where the dog must be on a lead. Thank you.	Since the summer holiday period: A) There were 40 fines issued for illegal parking/ overstay, B) There were 96 fines issued for illegal camping, C) There have been educational patrols to raise awareness of the changed dog walking areas, this will transition into enforcement patrols in the near future.
what is the annual revenue from rates for Council?	\$21Million in the 2021-22 financial year.
What water testing is being done in Killick Creek and where can the public find results?	Council is currently reviewing the Water Quality monitoring options.
Update on asbestos at the Water Tower Lookout?	The land around Water Tower Lookout is managed by Crown Lands .
How many beach permits are issued annually and are they enforced?	Traditionally there are approximately 2000 permits issued annually within the Kempsey Shire but this number has grown under Covid 19 Pandemic to 3600 last financial year. It is important to note that the beach permits allow access to Nambucca, Kempsey and Port Macquarie Hasting Local Government Areas (LGA) permitted beaches and they are sold across these locales. The numbers provided are for Kempsey Shire sales only and beach patrol enforcement is undertaken by the local rangers within their specific LGAs.
Can you please clarify if the waste water is being trucked out of the CH Sewer Treatment Plant?	The waste water is not being trucked out of Crescent Head Sewer Treatment Plant. We have been receiving regular trade waste disposals at the site.
Can water recycling treatment technology be used for all the future developments?	Council would find it very difficult to justify the installation of recycling treatment technology, while we have so many plants in the LGA listed under the Risk Prioritisation Advice as part of the Safe & Secure Water Program.