



HEAD OF PROMINENT INDIGENOUS ORGANISATION APPOINTED TO STATE-WIDE CROWN HOLIDAY PARKS TRUST ADVISORY GROUP

New South Wales Crown Holiday Parks Trust (CHPT) welcomes Chief Executive Officer of the Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) Jo-Anne Kelly to the Trust's newly-formed Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

An initiative of the NSW Government, the CAC provides state wide advisory representation and a further link between community interests and the NSW CHPT Board on matters relating to the management and development of the Trust's 34 Holiday Parks and Reserves throughout the State.

NSW CHPT Chair Alan Revell congratulated Ms Kelly on her appointment as a Member of the 14-strong external committee and said inputs from the CAC would help the Board to determine the Trust's strategic direction and allocation of funding to public reserves and facilities for visitors, the community and for the people of NSW.

"Ms Kelly and fellow Members of the Committee will play a critical part in furthering vital community links with the parks' and reserves' management," Mr Revell said.

"Membership of the Committee is structured to provide state-wide representation and follows an extensive Expression of Interest campaign and search.

"It includes individuals with backgrounds and experience in Parks across the State as well as representatives from the North Coast Destination Network, South Coast Regional Tourism, Surf Life Saving NSW, Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW, Nature Conservation Council of NSW and Local Government NSW.

"And now with Ms Kelly on board, the Kempsey LALC will have representation on the Trust's CAC."

Ms Kelly has been the Chief Executive Officer of Kempsey LALC since March 2010 and is a proud descendant of the Dunghutti people. Ms Kelly has been involved in a number of committees on a local, state and national level and her work on range of different focus areas has given her an insight into regional and remote NSW.

There are 119 Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALC) throughout NSW and the Kempsey LALC is one of 12 in the Mid North Coast which ensures the preservation of Aboriginal land rights.

CAC Chair John King OAM said he was delighted to welcome Ms Kelly on board as a valued Member of the Trust's CAC.

“Ms Kelly will bring to the table important community representation with her experience at the Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council and I look forward to her input at our next meeting in November,” Mr King said.

Ms Kelly said she had much to offer the Committee with her Aboriginal Land Council connections throughout the State.

“I look forward to working with the members of the Committee and helping the Trust to achieve its community objectives,” Ms Kelly said.

Mr Revell said many communities were passionate about the ongoing use of Crown Land and the Trust was committed to providing environmental, social and economically sustainable assets for the benefit and use of the people of New South Wales now and into the future.

CAC Members include:

Chair

- John King OAM
Industry professional with a background of 40 years in highly successful and widely-recognised international tourism marketing and management. Mr King holds a number of positions on highly-prominent Tourism and Travel Boards and was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his contribution to tourism in 2011.

Members

- Richard Adams, based in Casuarina
- Jo-Anne Kelly, CEO, Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Dr Anne Kerle, Ecologist, Nature Conservation Council of NSW
- Shaun McBride, Senior Strategy Manager, Local Government NSW
- John Morris, based in Dubbo
- Les Moulds, based in Inverell
- Belinda Novicky, Executive Officer, North Coast Destination Network
- Tom Phillips PSM, Executive Officer, South Coast Regional Tourism
- Malcolm Poole, Chairman, Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW
- Casey Proctor, based in Cowra
- Moira Ryan, based in Scotts Head
- Ken Sullivan, based in Tarraganda
- Adam Weir, Coastal Risk Manager, Surf Life Saving NSW