

Business Awards 2019

MCCI PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Doing business in an increasingly competitive world is becoming more challenging than ever before. Global networks, skilled labour shortages, WHS regulation and increased competition, in nearly all business sectors, can be seen as threats or as opportunities. The Muswellbrook Chambers Business Awards are all about looking at our businesses structure, operations and strategies to ensure we meet the challenges and opportunities of the changing economic landscape. For many years, local businesses have taken up the challenge of putting their business forward as an example of excellent customer service and good business management. By entering the Business Awards, we learn more about ourselves, our customers, our employees and our Muswellbrook business neighbours.

In recent years the Chamber has promoted the value of SHOP/ TRADE/ ENJOY/PLAY LOCAL. It is not only the retail trade that needs to focus on local customers. All business sectors have a variety of potential local customers. Sometimes the pre-occupation with the global market blinds us to the opportunities that are so close to home. Our Business Awards help to make us all more aware on our business neighbours and the value of our business relationships.

Entrants, and especially winners, of our Annual Business Awards have always reported benefits to their business with improvements in management processes, customer relations, employee morale and business growth. The Chamber promotes these businesses and their achievements through our Monthly Newsletter and in the local press and radio media. This raises their profile in the local community and increases their opportunities to attract more business.

We invite all Chamber members to enter one of the wide range of categories available. If your membership is not up to date, our Treasurer, Lorraine Skinner can take care of that for you. Please study the enclosed documents and share them with your employees and business associates. Your business can be nominated by yourself or by any other business. As well as your own nomination, you should nominate another business who has provided you with excellent products or services. Nominations will close on 21st February 2020.

Our Gala Awards Presentation Dinner will be held on Friday 3rd April at the Muswellbrook RSL when we will celebrate Muswellbrook Business, learn more about our local economy, congratulate all finalists, present the Awards to the winners and have a good time. I will look forward to seeing you there to share this highlight of the Chamber's year.

Yours sincerely,
Mike Kelly
President MCCI

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Mangoolla Coal has been a part of the local community for more than nine years. Most of our employees are local people and we support local businesses wherever possible through procurement of goods and services. Our continued support of the MCCI Business Awards is part of a community investment program that this year will deliver more than \$85,000 to about 20 local organisations and initiatives. Through our Mangoolla Coal Continuation Project we plan to continue our strong relationship with the local community well into the future.



Congratulations to the finalists in this year's MCCI Business Awards.

Established in 2016, MACH Energy Australia's Mount Pleasant Operation is Muswellbrook's youngest open-cut coal mine delivering first coal in December 2018. We have worked hard to develop and sustain solid relationships with the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce & Industry and members of our local business community. We are thrilled to be a part of this very important event on the Muswellbrook business Calendar.

As we move to full operational status, we are extremely proud to announce that during the construction phase we honoured our commitment to hiring and buying local as well as procuring local goods and services. This commitment will not waiver.

Investing heavily across community initiatives we have committed funding towards local programs, organisations and events delivering more than \$80,000 throughout 2018. We continue to oversee commitments relating to the Aboriginal Community Development Fund and welcome the opportunity this provides for us to make a meaningful contribution to the sustainability and well-being of Aboriginal communities and businesses in the Upper Hunter Valley.



Bengalla are proud to be a major sponsor of the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce Business Awards and congratulate all finalists for this year's awards. Since 1999 Bengalla Mining Company has been operating and supplying high quality thermal coal to domestic and international customers. We strive to be a valued member of our local community with our contribution to the area extending beyond the immediate economic benefits of our business. We are committed to local employment and local procurement and we invest in our community through donations, sponsorships and partnerships to build a stronger and more sustainable community for our future generations.



Muswellbrook Shire Council is committed to sustainable development through:

- Provision of quality infrastructure and services for the community.
- Promoting the area as a place to live, work, visit and invest.
- Strengthening relationships between industry and government.
- Expanding local economy, education and training delivery.



The Local Buying Foundation was established in New South Wales in 2017 and is a critical element of the Local Buying Program.

The development of a local procurement program within BHP Mt Arthur Coal was driven from BHP's genuine desire to demonstrate a long-term commitment to the social and economic well-being of the local communities in which it operates.

The success of the Foundation would not be possible without the continued advancement of the Local Buying Program nationally across BHP. Since launching the Foundation in New South Wales, \$356,254 has been received from BHP with 14 projects approved valued at \$137,959 (figures current as at December 2019).

This spend through the Program injects more funding into the Foundation, enabling the delivery of outcomes which focus on workforce and economic development, regional promotion and business development projects, all targeting the growth of many individual businesses' capability and capacity.

Business communities which benefit from assistance of the Foundation in New South Wales include the Muswellbrook, Singleton and Upper Hunter Shires.

Visit www.localbuyingfoundation.com.au to learn more.

