

BUSINESS UPDATE

July 2022

June Chamber Breakfast

There was a large turn out at our June breakfast to hear Stephen Galilee from the NSW Minerals Council provide those attending a Mining Industry Economic Update.

Stephen presented data from the latest NSWMC Expenditure and Jobs survey 2020/2021 showcasing the economic benefit of mining to the Hunter region.

The presentation provided insights into direct spending, employment, the businesses supported and community contribution. Stephen also discussed how mining is contributing to a stronger and more diverse economy for the future.

A key takeaway from the presentation is the continued demand for the Hunter's coal in the export market. In particular, the Asian markets where demand remains strong and looks to do so for at least two decades.

Stephen's presentation was followed by questions from the floor which focused on the future of the mining industry and the current narrative suggesting that the coal industry in the Hunter is over.

The breakfast was then followed by a procurement networking event that provided an opportunity for supplier businesses to connect with procurement representatives from various local operating mining companies.



**Our next Breakfast will be Tuesday 5th July
Muswellbrook RSL Club
Theme: BHP Mt Arthur Update**

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Dear Members & Colleagues,

“Keeping it real” is a common catch phrase which I think is very relevant to our local community and economy today.

If we are going to sustain our local economy through the transitions of the next two or three decades, we have to take advantage of the opportunities we have now to ensure we are strong into the future.

In the last few weeks there has been extensive media coverage on the energy market, jobs & wages, the BHP Mt. Arthur Mine, as well as the ongoing international crises. It is easy to be distracted or even indoctrinated by all the hype. However, if you look at the realities of our local situation there is good reason for confidence. Consider this –



- Our June Breakfast had a capacity crowd hear about the NSW Minerals Council’s long term projections for the continuing demand for our coal and the substantial economic inputs that it has now and for decades to come.
- Last week our thirty three (33) MCCI Business Awards finalists expressed confidence in their business prospects despite the impacts of Covid over the last two years.
- The Muswellbrook real estate market is still strong with high demand, higher prices and properties selling or being rented within days of their listing.
- Glenbawn Dam is at 100%.
- Primary producers are enjoying strong demand and good prices for beef & grain.
- The conversation around energy is finally becoming ‘real’. The focus now is on maintaining supply and transitioning in a sustainable way by building the alternatives before turning off the existing generators and distributors.
- The Great Australian Cattle Dog Muster is coming in September with thousands of visitors from around the State, the Country and the world.\
- AND finally, BHP’s announcement to close the Mt. Arthur mine in 2030 gives business and the community eight (8) years to continue working with BHP and preparing for the transition to rehabilitation of the site from 2030 for 10 to 15 years.

Our Newsletter features some of the above matters and our July Breakfast will see a presentation by Adam Lancey, Vice President BHP HVEC on the Mt. Arthur plans. We will also have an update from Hunter Valley Operation and AGL.

Please confirm your booking for the July Breakfast, stay in touch and help ‘keep it real’.

Yours sincerely,
Mike Kelly
President

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2022 Annual General Meeting

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Members are advised of the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc
2022 AGM

**5.30pm Wednesday 3rd August
Muswellbrook RSL**

Nominations for MCCI Board positions can be made here:

[Download Nomination Form](#)

Copy of AGM Agenda can be found here:

[View and Download Agenda](#)



To stay up to date on what's happening in the MCCI, our Making Muswellbrook program and the Great Cattle Dog Muster event, be sure to like the following Facebook pages.

[Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.](#)

[Making Muswellbrook](#)

[The Great Cattle Dog Muster](#)

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New Chamber Members



HunterNet Cooperative

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HunterNet Cooperative now in our 30th year of continuous operation. "HunterNet grew out of people getting together and talking about what was necessary." Today, HunterNet represents over 150 members in the Hunter and Central Coast regions.

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2022 Muswellbrook Business Awards

2022 FINALISTS

Business Category Finalists

The Hunter in a Basket
 Breathe Skin Body Mind
 Raine & Horne Muswellbrook
 Valley Fasteners
 Warrior Disability Services
 Hair by Maddi
 Briken Group
 MV Solar
 The Red Door Kitchen
 Muswellbrook Home Hardware
 Supply Solutions Group
 Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music
 Merton Living
 The Royal Hotel Muswellbrook
 Blackrock Industries
 PCYC Muswellbrook
 Domino's Muswellbrook
 Koora Industries
 Upper Hunter Show Inc

Hollydene Estate
 Royal Hotel Denman
 Muswellbrook Golf Club
 Upper Hunter Homeless Support

Business Leader Finalists

Shannon Foster (Briken Group)
 Maddi Duncan (Hair by Maddi)
 Katie Lennox (Muswellbrook RSL)
 Steven Fordham (Blackrock Industries)
 Grant Jupe (Raine & Horne)
 Daryl Eagan (Muswellbrook RSL /Golf Club)



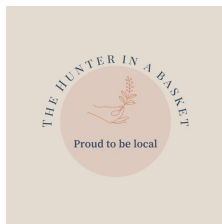
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2022 Muswellbrook Business Awards



Excellence in Micro Business The Hunter in a Basket



Excellence in Small Business MV Solar



Excellence in Large Business Royal Hotel Muswellbrook



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2022 Muswellbrook Business Awards



Outstanding New Member
Domino's Muswellbrook



Excellence in Tourism
Royal Hotel Denman



Making Muswellbrook Award
Upper Hunter Show Inc



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Outstanding Community Organisation Upper Hunter Homeless Support



Outstanding Young Business Leader Steven Fordham (Blackrock)



Outstanding Business Leader Grant Jupe (Raine & Horne)



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Best Presented Business
Hollydene Estate and Vines Restaurant



Business of the Year
Royal Hotel Muswellbrook



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Chamber Breakfasts over 2021/2022 Financial Year

July 2020 - Cancelled to Covid-19 Restrictions

August 2020 - Theme: AGM & The Melt (Innovation)

September 2020 - Cancelled to Covid-19 Restrictions

October 2020 - Cancelled to Covid-19 Restrictions

November 2020 - Theme: Tourism & Upper Hunter Regional Museum

December 2020 - Theme: Hunter Net and Defence Ready Series

February 2021 - Theme: The Year Ahead—MCCI Update

March 2021 - Theme: Small Business Month

April 2021 - Theme: Community Organisations

May 2021- Theme: Meet the Candidates

June 2021 - Theme: Mining Industry Economic Update



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MCCI Events

The Great Cattle Dog Muster



9th-11th Sept 2022
Muswellbrook NSW - Upper Hunter Valley - Birthplace of the Cattle Dog
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Pet Cattle Dogs

Exhibitor Cattle Dogs

Community Family Fun Day
Saturday 10 September
Muswellbrook Showground

Working Cattle Dogs

9th-11th Sept 2022
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KIDS ZONE

Free Saturday 10th

Rides
Magicians
Petting Zoo
Clowns
Face Painting

'Bluey & Bingo'

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Live Country Music Playing All Day

- Jason Owen
- Hayley Jensen
- The Collective

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Cattle Dogs Exhibitor Events

- Championship Shows
- Sweepstakes
- Rally
- Obedience
- Tricks
- Handlers
- Breeder Team
- Property Classes

Community Family Fun Day
Saturday 10 September
Muswellbrook Showground

Full Details Including Judges Available on Website

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Working Cattle Dogs

- Clinics
- Trials
- Presentations

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Bring Your Pet Cattle Dog

Classes

- Basic manners class - covering jumping, getting attention, recall etc.
- Tricks Training - having fun teaching your dog tricks.
- Loose Lead Walking
- Presentations
- Teenage dogs - understanding your dog during adolescence.
- How dogs learn - getting the most from your training.
- Understanding destructive behaviours - avoiding barking, digging, and chewing.

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Meet Bluey & Bingo

Bluey & Bingo Meet and Greets

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Upper Hunter Showcase

- Food
- Wine
- Attractions

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Food Trucks & Market Stalls

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Cattle Dog History Exhibit

- Origin of the Cattle Dog
- Competition Cattle Dogs
- Working Cattle Dogs
- Pet Cattle Dogs
- Cattle Dogs around the World

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Temporary Caravan and Camping available for Exhibitor Cattle Dog Owners and Working Cattle Dog Owners

Muswellbrook Showground

Limited spaces. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Bookings via Event Website

For more information visit:

[Event Website](#)

[Event Facebook Page](#)

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Volunteers Needed



Would you like to volunteer and support this community event!

Would you like to be part of this exciting event and be a member of the Muster team?

Muster Ambassadors

Helping with visitor enquiries on the day and being a welcoming face around the grounds.

Activity Supports

A supporting role with one the many activities on the day.

Behind the Scenes Supports

Supporting the admin and organisation of the event on the day.

Set Up & Pack Up Supports

Assisting with the set up and pack up of the event.

Email - info@muswellbrookchamber.com.au

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Locals Supporting Locals



Have you registered your business to participate in the 'We Live Here' card program?

The "We LIVE Here" local investment cards work like an EFTPOS gift card once loaded, and are only be able to be used with participating businesses, ensuring local expenditure and economic development for the region.

This program isn't just for retailers. Local businesses from health professionals, B2B, mechanics and more have all signed up to the program.

The cards can be loaded with funds from \$20 to \$1000, can only be loaded once (no top ups) but can be used multiple times or spent all at once. They expire after three years.

Purchasers can check card balances online or by phone, and registered cards can be replaced if lost.

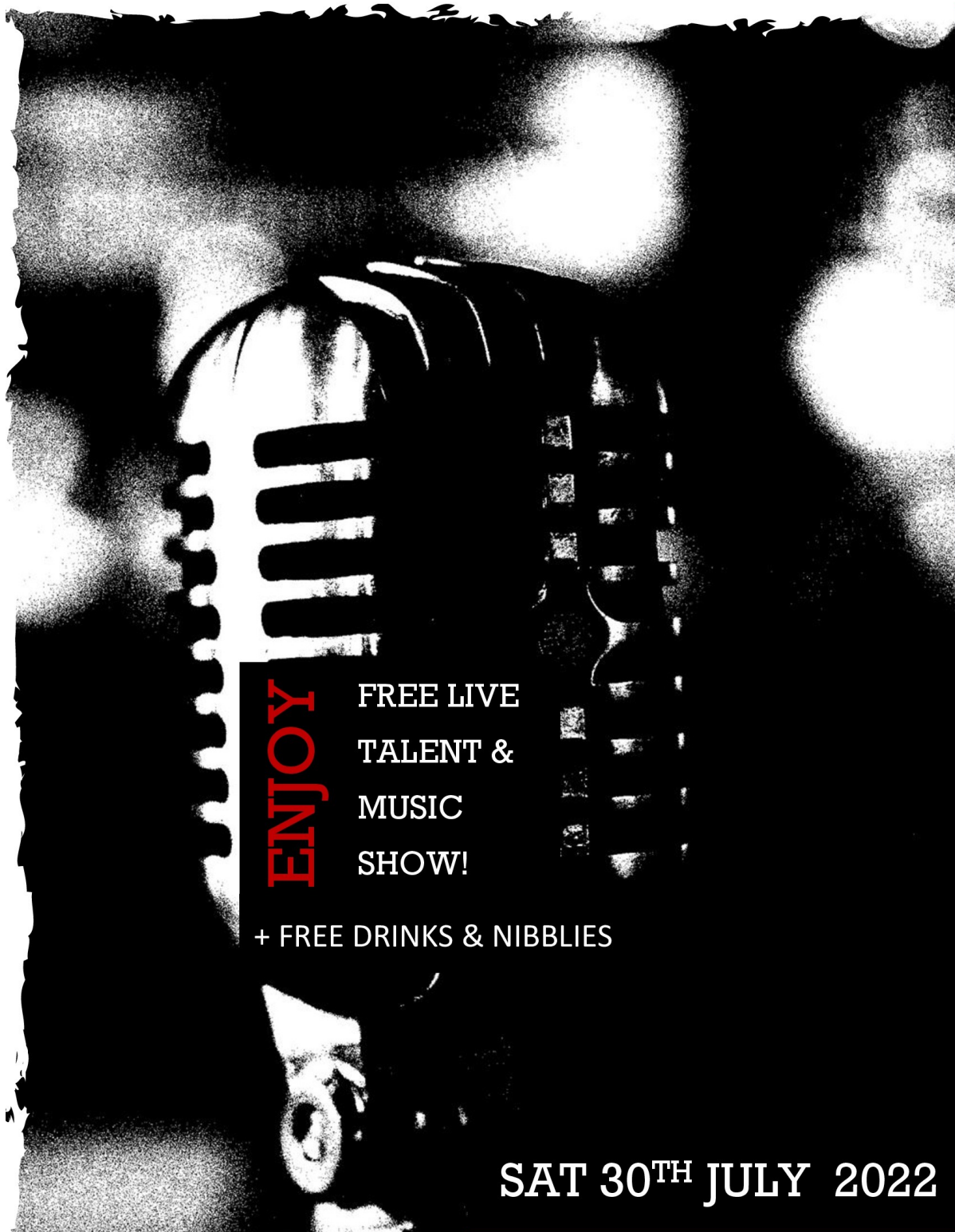
Register your business online: <https://www.whyleavetown.com/register>

The more participating businesses we have, the greater choice individuals will have in how to use the funds.



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COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY

Sat 10th Sept. 2022
10am - 4pm
FREE ENTRY



MUSWELLBROOK SHOWGROUND
- Upper Hunter Valley -

Cattle Dog History Exhibit

Cattle Dog Demonstrations & Presentations

Upper Hunter Showcase:
Food • Wine • Produce • Attractions

Market Stalls • Merchandise • Food Vans

Live Country Music:
Jason Owen • Hayley Jensen • The Collective

Children's Entertainment:
Jumping Castles • Sildes • Clowns
Petting Zoo • Face Painting • Rides

Plus MORE fun for the whole family!

CATTLE DOG COMPETITION EVENTS

SPECIAL MEET & GREET'S WITH BLUEY & BINGO!
Bookings are essential

WORKING CATTLE DOG EVENTS



BRING YOUR PET CATTLE DOG!

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MUSWELLBROOK
CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
& INDUSTRY

Tuesday 5 July 2022
CHAMBER BREAKFAST

Venue: "Muswellbrook RSL Club"

7am - 9am

Theme:
BHP Mt Arthur Update

MCCI invites members and guests to join us for our July Breakfast.

The theme for the breakfast is an update on BHP Mt Arthur.

The Breakfast will be an opportunity to hear from BHP's Adam Lancey on their recent announcement.



COST:

\$33.00* for members

\$38.50* for non-members

(* incl of GST)

RSVPs close midday,

Thursday 30th June 2022

info@muswellbrookchamber.com.au

Price includes a hot buffet breakfast and tea & coffee.



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RSVP to Wayne at info@muswellbrookchamber.com.au by midday Thursday 30th June

Payment options: Card or cash on the day or request an invoice with your RSVP.

Please advise any dietary requirements with your RSVP.

RSVPs are compulsory and must be paid. If you are unable to attend you may send a colleague in your place.

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A Corp Computers	Challenge Community Services	Harvey Recruitment	MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd
AEE Services	Chandler Macleod	Hedweld Group of Companies	MV Solar Pty Ltd
AGL Macquarie	Cleal, Doug & Roslyn	Hermitage Motel	Magnium Group
APM	Colourworks for Hair	Hitachi Construction Machinery (Aust) P/L Muswellbrook Branch	Malabar Coal Ltd
Aaron Henry Optometrist	Commonwealth Bank	Hollydene Estate Wines + Vines Restaurant	Mangoola Coal Operations
Aberdeen Highland Games	Comprint	Hunter Belle Cheese	Mark Diggins Solicitor
Airspeed Aviation	Coolmore Australia	Hunter Carpet & Tile Care	Melanie's Jewellers
Allweld Services	Cre8ive Solutions	HunterNet Cooperative	Melt Hunter Valley Operations Pty Ltd
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Australian Community Media	Curtis Gant Betts	Hunter Region Business Hub	Mikala Lighting Towers
BHP Billiton Mt Arthur Coal	DK Heavy Plant Services	Hunter River Times	Monteath Powys
Beacon Automatiom	Davies Thompson & Wright Services	Hunter TAFE	Mosaic Therapy & Supports Pty Ltd
Beauty Co	Denman Legal Pty Ltd	Hunter Valley Elite Window Tinting	Mountain of Love
Bengalla Mining Company	Dezigns Hub	Hunter Valley Operations	Muswellbrook Coal Co
Beyond Dog Training	Dirragarra Contracting Pty Lt	Hunter Valley Printing	Muswellbrook & District Workers' Club
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CRJ Maintenance Pty Ltd	Gowing Advisory	Launchpad9 Pty Ltd	NSW Business Chamber—Business Australia
Cattle Dog Florist & Café	Greentree Financial		
Central Arcade Pty Ltd			

NSW Minerals Council	Regional Australia Bank	The Chop Shop Butchery	Upper Hunter Planning
National Australia Bank	Remington Muswellbrook P/L	The Happy Tooth Muswellbrook	Upper Hunter Property Inspections
	Richard Gill School of Music	The Hunter in a Basket	Upper Hunter Regional Museum Inc
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Northwest Mining	Royal Hotel Denman	The Royal Hotel	Upper Hunter Turf Services
OAS Technology Group	Rural Recycling Pty Ltd	Thiess Pty Ltd	Upper Hunter Youth Services
Ochre Opportunity Hub Upper Hunter	SGS Australia	Think Goat	Valley Fasteners Muswellbrook
	Satur Veterinary Clinic- Muswellbrook	Tradecore Industries Pty Ltd	Warburton Estate Agents
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Persas	Small Forest Pty Ltd	Travel Partners	Wear Parts Services
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Pirtek Muswellbrook	Sparke Helmore	UON Upper Hunter	Whiteman Welding
Pores & Claws	Speaking in Colour	United Contract Services	Wideland Motor Group Pty Ltd
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