

BUSINESS UPDATE

June 2022

May Chamber Breakfast

In the lead up to the recent Federal Election the Chamber staged a 'Meet the Candidates' event as part of our May Chamber Breakfast. The event provided an opportunity to hear from candidates for the seat of Hunter.

All the candidates were invited to attend, with seven accepting. These included: Stuart Bonds (Independent). Dale McNamara (One Nation). Janet Murray (Greens). Geoff Passfield (United Australia). Daniel Repacholi (Labor). Victoria Davies (Animal Justice). James Thomson (Nationals). Stuart Bonds was a late apology due to testing positive to Covid.

Each were first given an allotted time to introduce themselves and outline their key policies. Names were drawn to determine the order in which each would speak.

This was then followed by questions from the floor. Most of the questions and responses centred around issues such as the mining industry future, the labour and skills shortage, plus the current housing shortage.



**Our next Breakfast will be Tuesday 7th June
Muswellbrook RSL Club**

Theme: Mining Industry Economic Update and Procurement Networking Event

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2022 Muswellbrook Business Awards

Gala Presentation Dinner
Friday 24th June
Muswellbrook RSL Club



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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.

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Judging for 2022 Business Awards now Completed

Judging for the 2022 Muswellbrook Business Awards has been completed. This year saw a record number of entries across nine categories. A change to the format this year, will see some of the categories aligned with the Hunter Business Awards, which will mean the winners of those categories in the Muswellbrook Awards will automatically become finalist in the Hunter Business Awards.

The Muswellbrook Business Awards, staged by the Chamber are unique, where entries are judged on both their written submissions, and face-to face interviews, which are conducted at their place of business.

The face-to-face interviews are conducted over three days by three independent judges.

Despite the challenges of the last few years, it was clear when meeting with entrants, that all are keen to move on and put the difficulties of Covid-19 behind them. During the judging process, there were great signs of positive energy on display and an overwhelming sense of optimism.

The issue of staff and skills shortages was a common denominator mentioned to the judges as they met with each business. For many, it was the most pressing issue that they were currently faced with managing.

For the Chamber, we believe the process of entering the awards is just as valuable as potentially winning an award for a business or individual. Through the written application, and face-to-face interviews, it provides an ideal opportunity for a business to take stock and reflect on what they have achieved over the last twelve months, and what their plans are for the next twelve months.

The three judges, who all score independently of each other, also provide their own written feedback to each of the entrants following the awards on what is believed could be improved upon.

The Business Awards culminate with a Gala Presentation Dinner that allows businesses to get together socially with their teams and celebrate their achievements.

We congratulate all the finalists in this year's awards and thank them for their support of the Chamber and the Business Awards.

Winners of the Muswellbrook Business Awards will be announced at the Gala Presentation Dinner on Friday 24th June in the Muswellbrook RSL Auditorium.

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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
Koorra 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)



**Winners announced:
Gala Presentation Dinner
Friday 24th June
Muswellbrook RSL Club**

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MINING INDUSTRY ECONOMIC UPDATE AND PROCUREMENT NETWORKING EVENT

Tuesday 7 June 2022 - Muswellbrook RSL Club

The Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue are proud to jointly present an exciting two-part event for Upper Hunter businesses.

Stephen Galilee (CEO, NSW Minerals Council) will present data from the latest NSWMC Expenditure and Jobs Survey for 2020/2021, showcasing the economic contribution of mining to the Hunter region. The presentation will include insights into direct spending, employment, businesses supported and community contributions. Stephen will also discuss how mining is contributing to a stronger and more diverse Hunter economy for the future.

A networking event will follow, providing an opportunity for supplier businesses to connect with procurement representatives from various locally operating mining companies. This event is ideal for businesses looking to commence engagement with the mining sector and learn how to best equip themselves for a successful tendering experience.



SESSION ONE | BREAKFAST EVENT

7.00 - 8.45AM

UPDATE ON THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF MINING TO THE UPPER HUNTER

Stephen Galilee, CEO, NSW Minerals Council

- MEMBERS: \$33.00 (INCL. GST)
- NON MEMBERS: \$38.50 (INCL. GST)



SESSION TWO | FREE TO ATTEND

9.00 - 11.00AM

PROCUREMENT NETWORKING EVENT

An opportunity to 'meet the buyers' from various local mining companies including:

Bengalla Mining Company, C-Res & Local Buying Program, MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation and Thies



Registrations are essential and close midday Thursday 2 June 2022.

Please register your interest in attending one or both of these sessions plus any dietary requirements to info@muswellbrookchamber.com.au

For further information, please visit miningdialogue.com.au

— 2022 UPPER HUNTER —
INSPIRATIONS
CONFERENCE



Inner Strength—No Limits

Covid-19 continues to play havoc at the moment. Local cases and isolation is affecting attendees, presenters, and production staff. Unfortunately, this uncertainty has forced us to postpone the event until later in the year, with a date to be decided.

With so much work already invested in the event , the decision to postpone, although necessary, is a frustrating and disappointing one.

Those already holding tickets can ask for a refund , or simply hold onto them until the new date is announced.



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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
AUSTRALIA

Pet Cattle Dogs

Exhibitor Cattle Dogs

Community Family Fun Day
Saturday 10 September
Muswellbrook Showground

Working Cattle Dogs

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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

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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.

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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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The Vinnies Community Sleepout is back – please join us

Grab your sleeping bag, favourite pillow and warm PJs and join the local community



6:00 pm Thursday, June 23rd @ Upper Hunter Homeless
3 Wilkinson Avenue, Muswellbrook

For the sleep out, on the shortest and possibly the coldest day of the year, participants from business, community and government will sleep without shelter to help change the lives of local people experiencing homelessness. On the night you will enjoy:

- Soup kitchen
- Local entertainment
- Trivia
- Fundraising activities

Funds raised are kept locally and shared between Upper Hunter Homeless Support & St Vincent de Paul Muswellbrook.

To view the online auction on the night go to our Facebook page
Go to [Sticky tickets](#) to register or donate

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

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EVENTS



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EVENTS



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MUSWELLBROOK
CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
& INDUSTRY

Tuesday 7 June 2022
CHAMBER BREAKFAST

Venue: "Muswellbrook RSL Club"

Session One: 7am - 9am
(Breakfast Event)

Update on the Economic Contribution
of Mining to the Upper Hunter
(Stephen Galilee, CEO, NSW Minerals
Council)

Session Two: 9am - 11am
(Free Entry)

Procurement Networking Event



COST:

\$33.00* for members

\$38.50* for non-members

(* incl of GST)

RSVPs close midday,

Thursday 3rd June 2022

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Price includes a hot buffet breakfast and
tea & coffee.



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RSVP to Wayne at info@muswellbrookchamber.com.au by midday Thursday 3rd 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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AEE Services	Chandler Macleod	Hermitage Motel	Malabar Coal Ltd
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Aberdeen Highland Games	Comprint	Hunter Carpet & Tile Care	Melt Hunter Valley Operations Pty Ltd
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Allweld Services	Crossfit Muswellbrook	Hunter Region Business Hub	Mikala Lighting Towers
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Beacon Automatiom	Denman Legal Pty Ltd	Hunter Valley Operations	Muswellbrook Coal Co
Beauty Co	Dezigns Hub	Hunter Valley Printing	Muswellbrook & District Workers' Club
Bengalla Mining Company	Dirragarra Contracting Pty Lt	Hunter Valley SUP	Muswellbrook Floral Studios
Beyond Dog Training	Domino's Muswellbrook	Innovationclub Pty Ltd	Muswellbrook Home Timber & Hardware
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Breathe Skin Body Mind	Elks Enterprises Pty Ltd	Joblink Plus	Muswellbrook Security Services
Briken Group Services Pty Ltd	Envy Cleaning & Property Maintenance	Jo Bailey Quality Care Pty Ltd	Muswellbrook Shire Council
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C-Res	Gowing Advisory	Launchpad9 Pty Ltd	NSW Minerals Council
CRJ Maintenance Pty Ltd	Greentree Financial	Liv Media	National Australia Bank
Cattle Dog Florist & Café	Hair by Maddi	MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd	
Central Arcade Pty Ltd			

	Richard Gill School of Music	The Hunter in a Basket	Upper Hunter Show Inc
National Group – National Plant & Equipment Pty Ltd	Roger Skinner Photography	The Red Door Community Kitchen (Inc)	Upper Hunter Turf Services
Northwest Mining	Royal Hotel Denman	The Royal Hotel	Upper Hunter Youth Services
OAS Technology Group	Rural Recycling Pty Ltd	Thiess Pty Ltd	Valley Fasteners Muswellbrook
Ochre Opportunity Hub Upper Hunter	SGS Australia	Think Goat	Warburton Estate Agents
Onsite Rental Group	Satur Veterinary Clinic- Muswellbrook	Tradecore Industries Pty Ltd	Warrior Disability Services
Persas	Sincerus Business Group	Transcare Hunter Ltd	Wear Parts Services
Pet Medical	Small Forest Pty Ltd	Travel Partners	Westpac
Pickering Homestead	Soley's Handyman & Maintenance	Tutt Bryant Heavy Lift & Shift	Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service
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