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BUSINESS UPDATE

August 2022



July Chamber Breakfast

Our Chamber Breakfast on 5th July attracted over ninety(90) local business people to hear three(3) presentations on major projects.

Len McLachlan, General Manager of AGL Macquarie Operations gave a brief update on the current situation at our local power stations. While the planned demerger has been 'canned' and there is to be a new Board and CEO at Macquarie, Len emphasized that Macquarie is "here to stay" and the focus on the energy hub and development of the Liddell and Bayswater sites is a given. In the meantime, it is business as usual.



Nathan Lane, Approvals Manager for HVO Continuation Project, presented Glencore's proposal to continue HVO to 2050. The presentation contained valuable information on the 1190 employee profile by LGA residence and the importance of continuing this Operation which has been producing product, jobs and prosperity for 70 years. There is a video on the HVO web site.

Adam Lancey, Vice President NSW Energy Coal, outlined the various options BHP explored to divest their interest in Mt. Arthur Coal before the recent announcement to cease mining in 2030. Adam highlighted that the decision was consistent with BHP's focus on "Planet, People, Prosperity." Going forward there is to be a focus on permanent employees, stable production levels, maintenance of support for local businesses through C-Res and the BHP Local Buying Foundation. BHP will be seeking and extension of their existing mining lease from 2026 to 2030 to allow for an orderly cessation of mining and a commencement of rehabilitation. Chamber members are invited to follow the project through www.bhp.com/pathway-2030



Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc 2022 Annual General Meeting 5.30pm Wednesday 3rd August

Copy of AGM Agenda can be found here: View and Download Agenda

Our next Breakfast will be Tuesday 6th September

Muswellbrook RSL Club

Theme: Professor Alan Broadfoot —UON

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MCCI Presidents Message



Dear Members & Colleagues,

I hope you are all safe and well and meeting the challenges in your business head on.

If you attended our July Breakfast, you would be better informed of developments at three of our larger member businesses. They don't come much bigger than BHP, AGL & GLENCORE and all three gave excellent presentations on their future plans and opportunities for local businesses. We are fortunate to have these large local companies prepared to share their plans and express an interest in the local economy and community. You will see more details in this Newsletter and links to more resources for local businesses.



Our August Breakfast will feature a Chamber Update with information on current and future activities. There will be an Open Forum section for members to raise any issues the Chamber can assist with. Don't ask us to change the weather, the Pandemic, global warming or the global economy but let us know what we can do to grow our local economy.

The Chamber has made a submission to the Independent Planning Commission in support of the MACH Energy Mt. Pleasant Optimisation Project which proposes a continuation of mining to 2048. The submission is on the IPC web site and can be accessed through the Chamber website as well. The IPC's deliberations could take some time and the Chamber will stay close to the matter and keep members informed.

Our Chamber AGM is set for Wednesday 2nd August and all Board positions will be declared vacant and elections held for the 2022-2023 financial year. All members are welcome to attend and nominate for a Board position or act as an assistant to the Board.

I hope you all have the Great Cattle Dog Muster in your diaries and are going to attend, particularly on September 10th for the Family Fun Day. This will be an opportunity to meet with people from around Town, around the Country and around the World.

I will look forward to seeing you at our Breakfasts and the Muster.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Kelly President

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YOUR MCCI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

MCCI membership renewals are now due!

Executive

PRESIDENT Mike Kelly 0417 408 127

Vice PRESIDENT Michael Carey 0414 415 185

TREASURER Lorraine Skinner 0429 329 353

SECRETARY
Genelle Scotts
0431 705 672

DIRECTORS

Troy Martin 0427 585 617

Amber Wright 0411 088 605

Cam Halfpenny

Jenifer Lecky 0419 268 130

MEMBER SERVICES MANAGER Wayne Toms

0438 517 311

The Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry has a proud reputation as one of the strongest and proactive Chambers in the region. This is in part thanks to the strong support of its members. With many issues effecting the region, the Chamber will need your ongoing support to ensure that it can continue to represent you and also continue to provide a range of programs and services



If any members are experiencing any financial hardship, please contact us about your membership renewal.



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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.

Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce

Making Muswellbrook

The Great Cattle Dog Muster

The Member Services Manager role is proudly supported in partnership with BHP's Local Buying Foundation.



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Sponsorship

We have a few remaining sponsorship opportunities available.

Cattle Dog History Exhibit - \$3,000

Working Cattle Dog Activities - \$1,500

Children's 'Kids Zone' - \$1,500

Saturday Night 'Muster Celebration' Event : \$500.

'Official Program' Advertising

We have a limited number of advertising space available.

Half Page - \$100.00 + gst Full Page - \$ 250.00 + gst

Can you help with following?

We need the below for our Community Family Fun Day

Hessian Metal Star Posts Festoon Lights

If you can assist with any of the above, or for more details, contact Wayne on: Phone: 0438 517 311

Email: info@muswellbrookchamber.com.au

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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!





SCAN HERE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE, OR GO TO:





















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?

Whether it is all day or just a couple of hours we would love to here from you.

Volunteers are then invited to our 'Muster Celebration Event' happening at the Showground on the Saturday night.

To register, or more details: Phone 0438 517 311 or Email - info@muswellbrookchamber.com.au

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MOUNT PLEASANT OPTIMISATION PROJECT SSD 10418

On behalf of our 200 member businesses, the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry supports the Optimisation of MACH Energy Australia's, Mount Pleasant Operation to 2048.

Our Chamber has supported the Mount Pleasant Operation with submissions to government since the beginning of the project which was approved in 1999.

We supported Mod 1. in 2011, Mod 2. in 2017 & Mod 3. in 2018.

The purchase of the project by MACH Energy Aust., in 2016, was welcomed by local businesses. The commencement of construction and the production of 'first coal' in December 2018 brought immediate and significant economic benefits. We have seen a workforce of around 380 operational people and a construction workforce of up to 350 people over the last six (6) years. We have also seen growth in local businesses supplying labour, materials and services to MACH and their major contractors on site and in all sectors including accommodation, retail, hospitality, consulting, trades, engineering and professional services.

The Mt.Pleasant Optimisation Project offers the continuation and growth of these economic benefits. In particular, we sight the benefits identified in the NSW DPIE Report which includes -

- Continued direct employment of an average of 600 people at the mine.
- Over 1500 direct & indirect jobs in NSW with an estimated 1100 of those jobs in the Hunter Region.
- Direct capital investment of \$950 million in the project.
- \$1.4 billion (NPV) net contribution to gross State product.
- Indexed Planning Agreement contributions of \$20 million to Muswellbrook Shire Council and \$6 million to Upper Hunter Shire Council toward community enhancement projects.

These economic inputs will have a substantial positive impact on the Muswellbrook economy as well as the NSW and National economies.

On behalf of Muswellbrook Business, the Chamber makes the following points of view that we believe are broadly held in the Muswellbrook community and based on the Chamber's thirty (30) years of experience and engagement.

- 1. The Muswellbrook economy is largely dependent on the mining, processing and transport of coal to provide employment and prosperity.
- 2. The economic benefits from local mining are spread throughout the Hunter Region, the State & the Country.

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- 3. The cessation of mining at Muswellbrook Coal this year and the planned closure of Mt. Arthur Coal in 2030 as well as the closure of Liddell Power Station in 2023 and Bayswater Power Station in the 2030's is of great concern to local businesses.
- 4. Despite the move to a decarbonized economy there is little evidence of the labour-intensive, export industries that could match the economic inputs of coal in the short to medium term.
- 5. The NSW Minerals Council forecasts strong global demand for high-quality, low-cost Hunter Valley Coal out to 2050.
- 6. The professed negative impacts of mining on livability and other industries are not supported by the continuing diversity of the Hunter Economy and the demand for housing in Muswellbrook and the Upper Hunter generally.
- 7. Over the last six (6) years MACH Energy, has made substantial cash and 'in-kind' contributions to local sporting clubs, community service organisations, community events and special needs and interest groups. Since 2017, 35 local organisations have received over \$750,000. MACH also took over the Aboriginal Community Development Fund which was established by Rio Tinto in 2005. This fund has contributed over \$4 million to education, cultural and economic development programs for indigenous people in Muswellbrook, Singleton and Upper Hunter Shires. In 2022 MACH Energy's contribution to the ACDF will be in excess of \$700,000.
- 8. Our Chamber has been able to support 200 local businesses of all types with sponsorship from MACH. Our Business Awards Program and Making Muswellbrook Program have their ongoing support which allows the Chamber to recognize and promote excellence in all types of businesses. MACH management personnel attend our monthly breakfasts and engage with local business to support local procurement.
- 9. MACH Energy Australia is a responsible corporate citizen and is seen as an integral part of the Muswellbrook community.

The Chamber will leave the environmental assessment of SSD10418 to experts in that field. We would however record our observation that over the last twenty (20) years mining companies in the Upper Hunter have taken a more holistic approach to their developments with stronger community engagement, the recognition of the transitioning economy and beneficial after mining land use. MACH Energy Mount Pleasant has demonstrated their commitment to this approach and the Chamber trusts that, with realistic conditions of consent, the Optimisation Project can deliver economic benefits as well as environmental benefits.

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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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2022 Muswellbrook Business Awards



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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2022 Muswellbrook Business Awards



Best Presented Business Hollydene Estate and Vines Restaurant





Business of the Year Royal Hotel Muswellbrook





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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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MCCI Events

The Great Cattle Dog Muster









Community Family Fun Day Saturday 10 September

Muswellbrook Showground



Cattle Dogs **Exhibitor Events**

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

Full Details Including Judges Available on Website













- Pet Cattle Dogs Cattle Dogs around the
- World

ommunity Family Fun Day Saturday 10 September Muswellbrook Showground



For more information visit:

Event Website

Event Facebook Page

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Chamber Breakfast





Tuesday 2 August 2022 CHAMBER BREAKFAST

Venue: "Muswellbrook RSL Club"

7am - 9am

Theme:
Chamber Update
&

Open Forum Discussion

MCCI invites members and guests to join us for our August Breakfast. An update on the Chamber's upcoming activities will be outlined. This will be followed by an open forum where members will be encouraged to discuss local issues affecting them .







COST:

\$33.00* for members \$38.50* for non-members

(* incl of GST)

RSVPs close midday,
Thursday 28th July 2022

info@muswellbrookchamber.com.au

Price includes a hot buffet breakfast and tea & coffee.

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TRADE

ENJOY Local



RSVP to Wayne at info@muswellbrookchamber.com.au by midday Thursday 28th July

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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1800 Mr Excavate	Cetnaj Muswellbrook	Greentree Financial	Launchpad9 Pty Ltd
A Corp Computers	Challenge Community Services	Hair by Maddi	Liv Media
AEE Services	Chandler Macleod	Harvey Recruitment	MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd
AGL Macquarie	Cleal, Doug & Roslyn	Hedweld Group of Companies	MV Solar Pty Ltd
APM	Colourworks for Hair	Hermitage Motel	Magnium Group
Aaron Henry Optometrist	Commonwealth Bank	Hitachi Construction Machinery	Malabar Coal Ltd
Aberdeen Highland Games	Comprint	(Aust) P/L Muswellbrook Branch	Mangoola Coal Operations
Airspeed Aviation	Coolmore Australia	Hollydene Estate Wines + Vines Restaurant	Mark Diggins Solicitor
Allweld Services	Cre8ive Solutions	Hunter Belle Cheese	Melanie's Jewellers
Austmine Limited	Crossfit Muswellbrook	Hunter Carpet & Tile Care	Melt Hunter Valley Operations Pty
Australian Community Media	Curtis Gant Betts	HunterNet Cooperative	Ltd
BHP Billiton Mt Arthur Coal	DK Heavy Plant Services	Hunter Plant Mechanics	Merton Living
Beacon Automatiom	Davies Thompson & Wright	Hunter Region Business Hub	Mikala Lighting Towers
Beauty Co	Services	Hunter River Times	Monteath Powys
Bengalla Mining Company	Denman Legal Pty Ltd	Hunter TAFE	Mosaic Therapy & Supports Pty Ltd
Beyond Dog Training	Dezigns Hub	Hunter Valley Elite Window Tinting	Mountain of Love
Big Lift Cranes & Heavy Haulage	Dirragarra Contracting Pty Lt	Hunter Valley Operations	Muswellbrook Coal Co
Blackrock Industries	Domino's Muswellbrook	Hunter Valley Printing	Muswellbrook & District Workers' Club
Blackwoods	Double Picc	Hunter Valley SUP	Muswellbrook Floral Studios
Bowditch Earthmoving	Duffeyco Electrical Solutions	Innovationclub Pty Ltd	Muswellbrook Home Timber &
Breathe Skin Body Mind	EMF Group	Integrated living Australia Ltd	Hardware
Briken Group Services Pty Ltd	Edmonds Joinery	5 5	Muswellbrook Motors
Brook Enviro Services	Edward Higgins Parkinson First	iSimplify Pty Ltd	Muswellbrook PCYC
Brook Medical Centre	Elks Enterprises Pty Ltd	JTS Realty	Muswellbrook Race Club Ltd
Brook Outdoors	Envy Cleaning & Property	Jennifer Lecky & Associates	Muswellbrook RSL Sub-Branch Club
	Maintenance	Joblink Plus	Ltd & Golf Club
CPR Pest Management Services	Equilaw Solicitors	Jo Bailey Quality Care Pty Ltd	Muswellbrook Security Services
C-Res	First National Real Estate– Edward Higgens Parkinson	John Hunter Motel	Muswellbrook Shire Council
CRJ Maintenance Pty Ltd	Fyfe Pty Ltd	LCC Asia Pacific Pty Limited	Muswellbrook South Public School
Cattle Dog Florist & Café	GJ's by the Lake	LJ Hooker Muswellbrook	Muswellbrook Steel Supplies P/L
Central Arcade Pty Ltd	Gowing Advisory	Lake Liddell Recreation Area Trust	NBN/NBN Local
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