

## BUSINESS UPDATE

October 2022

### September Chamber Breakfast

Despite Covid isolations still making it difficult for business owners to free up time away from their businesses, our September Breakfast was still well attended.

Those attending heard an excellent presentation by Professor Alan Broadfoot of the University of Newcastle and the theme - Innovations in Energy and Resources.

Alan's presentation was very informative and also covered the role of the Upper Campus here in Muswellbrook.

Following the presentation there were many questions from the floor. Alan also then met with Chamber Board Members following the Breakfast to continue the discussions.



### MCCI wins 'Outstanding Local Chamber' at Hunter Business Awards



We are proud to announce that Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry was again the winner of the 'Outstanding Local Chamber' award at this years Hunter Business Awards.

**Our next Breakfast will be Tuesday 11th October**

**Muswellbrook RSL Club**

**Theme: Liddell Power Station Closure & Demolition Update**

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# MCCI Presidents Message



Dear Members & Colleagues,

First and foremost, I must congratulate and thank Wayne Toms and our Great Cattle Dog Muster Committee. The first Muster in September was a resounding success which has laid the foundation for an annual event. The Muster has helped put Muswellbrook on the map and has potential to grow our local tourism economy well into the future. Our thanks also to the thirty six (36) local businesses that sponsored and supported the Muster as well as the NSW State Government and Muswellbrook Shire Council.



Last month's Chamber Breakfast presentation by Alan Broadfoot of Newcastle University gave us fresh insights into the Universities activities in Newcastle and in the Muswellbrook Campus. Our Board had a meaningful discussion with Alan after the Breakfast which has given us the opportunity for a closer relationship between the University and local businesses. We will keep you informed about upcoming events at the University.

The Chamber continues to represent local business interests at a range of Committees and discussions groups, including –

- Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue
- BHP Local Buying Foundation Advisory Committee
- MSC Local Traffic Committee
- MSC Muswellbrook Bypass Committee
- MSC Community Panel
- AGL Community Dialogue Group
- MSC Industrial Closures Committee

These involvements allow the Chamber to promote the merits of local employment and procurement and we welcome any suggestions members have on important local issues.

Our October Breakfast has a very important presentation by AGL on their latest plans for closure and demolition of the Liddell Power Station. This will give members a better understanding of the timeline for these major works, as well as an insight into local business opportunities now, during and after the demolition.

I hope you are entering the final quarter of this calendar year and approaching the Christmas season with confidence.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Kelly

President

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

MCCI membership renewals are now due!

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.**



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](#)

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[Making](#)

[The Great Cattle Dog Muster](#)

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## 2022 Great Cattle Dog Muster a Resounding Success!

The recent Great Cattle Dog Muster held in Muswellbrook was a resounding success with more than 5,000 visitors attending the Community Family Fun Day.

The event was staged by the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with Dogs NSW, The Pet Professional Guild Australia, and the Working Cattle Dog Association Australia.

In addition to many locals attending, visitors also travelled from across the State, around Australia, and from overseas, including Canada, USA, and South Africa.

It was the first time an event of this type had been held in Australia and the Chamber aims to make it a Signature Event for both Muswellbrook and the Upper Hunter. With the cattle dog having its origins in the Upper Hunter, this makes the event very attractive for cattle dog lovers to attend.

The Community Family Fun Day saw a wide range of Cattle Dog Competitions, Displays, and Herding Trials.

With a country vibe and festival feel, the day also included live country music, a children's Kids Zone, lots of food and market stalls, plus Bluey and Bingo making a special guest appearance.

Also on display was a Cattle Dog History Exhibit, and an Upper Hunter Showcase, showcasing many of the Upper Hunter's food, wine, produce, and attractions.

With the event attracting so many visitors from outside the region, it will inject significant tourism and economic benefits into the local community.

The Chamber would like to sincerely thank all the sponsors, supporters, and volunteers, who helped to make the event the success that it was. Without them, an event of this scale is simply not possible.

Given the success of the inaugural event, and the significant interest of those who attended this year, plans are already underway for the 2023 event which has been tentatively earmarked for Saturday 9th September.

### [2022 Great Cattle Dog Muster—Highlights Video](#)

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# 2022 Great Cattle Dog Muster









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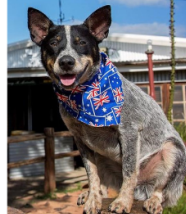
9th-11th  
Sept 2022



Muswellbrook NSW  
- Upper Hunter Valley -  
Birthplace of the Cattle Dog



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# 2022 Great Cattle Dog Muster



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## 2022 Activity Sponsors



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## 2022 Event Supporters



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### Sponsorship Opportunities

Now Available.

Contact:

Wayne Toms

0438 517 311

[info@muswellbrookchamber.com.au](mailto:info@muswellbrookchamber.com.au)

Sponsorship Opportunities are limited and are secured on a first in - first allocated basis.

# The Great Cattle Dog Muster

Community Family Fun Day



Muswellbrook Showground  
10am - 4pm Saturday 9th Sept

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# BENGALLA COMMUNITY OPEN DAY 2022



**Saturday 22 October 2022 • 10am - 2pm**  
**The Muswellbrook Showground**

If you are looking for a fun day out for the whole family, make sure you come along and join Bengalla, our valued suppliers, and our community partners, on the **22nd October** at **Muswellbrook Showground**.

There will be lots of activities for all ages including a free lunch and go behind the scenes on a guided bus tour to view Bengalla Mine. Tours will depart from the Showground between 10am and 2pm and bookings are required on the day. Remember to wear closed in shoes.

(Children must be 5 years of age for the bus tour and a parent or guardian must accompany children under 12.)

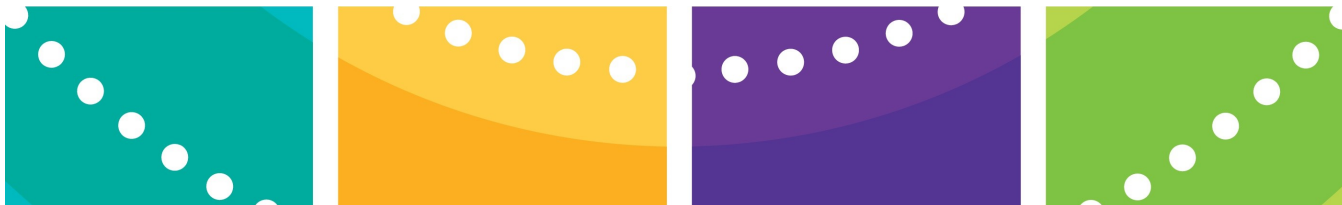
The Bengalla Community Open Day will open at 10am until 2pm and we would love for you to join us on the day.

Remember to mark the 22 October 2022 in your calendars and if you would like any further information please contact the Bengalla Community Team via email on;

[community.relations@newhopegroup.com.au](mailto:community.relations@newhopegroup.com.au)







**FREE**  
demonstration  
and refreshments

# Wellness Centre Open Day

as part of National Carers Week.

Wednesday 19 October 2022  
10am – 2pm

3 Wilkinson Avenue, Muswellbrook NSW

Call **1300 782 896** or visit [integratedliving.org.au](http://integratedliving.org.au)  
to book your spot or for more information.





## Muswellbrook High School Invitation to local Businesses

Muswellbrook High School is inviting local businesses who have supported them in the past and at the same time, are wishing to connect with new and additional organisations that they may not currently be connected with, particularly since the outbreak of Covid.



# BREAKFAST IS ON US!



### Muswellbrook High School Business Breakfast

*Connecting with our Community*

Join us for guided tours of our school, listen to guest speakers & meet past students who have forged interesting pathways

**Thursday 3rd November 2022**

**7:00 - 8.30 am**

RSVP : Monday 17th October to  
[muswellbro-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:muswellbro-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
please advise any dietary requirements



# 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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**Tuesday 11 October 2022**

## **CHAMBER BREAKFAST**

Venue: "Muswellbrook RSL Club"

7am - 9am

**Theme:**

### **Liddell Power Station Closure & Demolition Update**

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

AGL's Program Director of Site Transitions Brad Williams will provide an overview of current status, plans for demolition and preparations for future use.



#### **COST:**

**\$33.00\*** for members

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

(\* incl of GST)

**RSVPs close midday,**

**Thursday 6th October 2022**

[info@muswellbrookchamber.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:info@muswellbrookchamber.com.au) by midday Thursday 6th October

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.

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

Muswellbrook Steel Supplies P/L	Reece Pty Ltd	TGM Enterprises	Development Corporation
NBN/NBN Local	Recovery Partners	TLE Electrical	Upper Hunter Fire Protection
NSW Business Chamber—Business Australia	Reg Osborn Pty Ltd	Teterin Supply	Upper Hunter Homeless Support
NSW Minerals Council	Regional Australia Bank	The Business Centre	Upper Hunter Investments
National Australia Bank	Remington Muswellbrook P/L	The Chop Shop Butchery	Upper Hunter Planning
National Group – National Plant & Equipment Pty Ltd	Richard Gill School of Music	The Happy Tooth Muswellbrook	Upper Hunter Property Inspections
Northwest Mining	Roger Skinner Photography	The Hunter in a Basket	Upper Hunter Regional Museum Inc
OAS Technology Group	Royal Hotel Denman	The Red Door Community Kitchen (Inc)	Upper Hunter Show Inc
Oasis Media Pty Ltd	Rural Recycling Pty Ltd	The Royal Hotel	Upper Hunter Turf Services
Ochre Opportunity Hub Upper Hunter	SGS Australia	Thiess Pty Ltd	Upper Hunter Youth Services
Onsite Rental Group	Sarah English Marketing	Think Goat	Valley Fasteners Muswellbrook
Persas	Satur Veterinary Clinic-Muswellbrook	Tradecore Industries Pty Ltd	Warburton Estate Agents
Pet Medical	Sincerus Business Group	Transcare Hunter Ltd	Warrior Disability Services
Pickering Homestead	Small Forest Pty Ltd	Travel Partners	Wear Parts Services
Pirtek Muswellbrook	Soley's Handyman & Maintenance	Tutt Bryant Heavy Lift & Shift	Westpac
Pores & Claws	Southside Newsagency	Two Rivers Wines	Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service
Pukara Estate	Sparke Helmore	UON Upper Hunter	Whiteman Welding
Pumps & Pipeline Services P/L	Speaking in Colour	United Contract Services	Wideland Motor Group Pty Ltd
RMS Services	Specific Solutions Pty Ltd	Upper Hunter Automotive	Workpac
RA Peasley Consulting	Success Tax Professionals	Upper Hunter Community Services	Yore Contractors
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