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## **BUSINESS UPDATE**

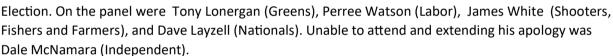
## **April 2023**



#### **March Chamber Breakfast**



Our March Chamber Breakfast was an opportunity for those attending to meet and hear from four of the candidates standing for the seat of Upper Hunter in the NSW State

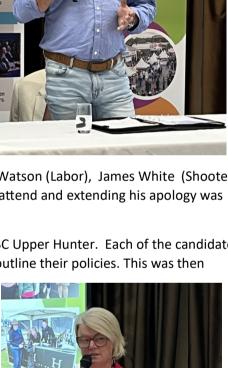


The morning was chaired by Mike Pritchard, formerly from ABC Upper Hunter. Each of the candidates were firstly given four minutes to introduce themselves and outline their policies. This was then

followed by questions from the floor where each were allowed three minutes each to respond.



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## **MCCI Presidents Message**



Dear Members & Colleagues,

Looking back over March, I'm sure you'll agree, it was a very interesting month.

In summary -

- \* The Chamber Breakfast hosted the Candidates for the NSW seat of Upper Hunter. I was out-of-town, but I am told it was a most informative session. My thanks to Wayne Toms for managing the event and to Mike Pritchard who was our MC.
- \* The State election saw a change of government for the first time in thirteen years with Labor taking power with 45 seats at last count.



- Our sitting member Dave Layzell held the seat of Upper Hunter and the Chamber congratulates him on his hard work for our region. We look forward to working with Dave and the new government to maintain and grow our local economy.
- \* The Upper Hunter Show was a huge success. The Chamber joined twenty other exhibitors at the AGL Energy Hub. The positioning of the Hub was not ideal and we hope to work with the Show Committee to build the event for next year.
- \* The Muswellbrook Shire Council has appointed Derek Finnigan as General Manager. We congratulate Derek and look forward to working with him and Council on business matters. Council held a Budget and Operations Breakfast and flagged the need for significant changes to the 2023-24 Budget and the Future Fund. We look forward to the draft budget in late April.
- \* BHP Mt. Arthur announced their intention to apply for Modification 2. To extend the mine life from 2026 to 2030. The application is due to be lodged in Quarter 3, 2023 and the Chamber will be making a submission to the DPE.

Looking ahead, April is going to be just as interesting -

- \* Our April Breakfast features presentations by NBN Co. and AGL.
- \* Liddell Power Station is scheduled to shut down the three (3) remaining units on 28th April.
- \* Chamber Business Awards nominations close on 6th April. Judging follows with our Awards Dinner is planned for 2nd June.

Please take note of all our upcoming events in the Newsletter and keep in touch with matters of interest to your business.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Kelly

President

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## **MCCI News**

#### **Celebrating International Women's Day**

Chamber Secretary Genelle Scotts was recently invited to be the moderator at a Business Hunter event as part of International Women's Day.

Genelle chaired the panel of three inspiring women, Penny Walker, of Malabar Resources, Bull of WesTrac, and Kari Armitage of Quarry Mining.

The event held at Merewether Surfhouse was the first Business Hunter Energy and Resources luncheon, and was a great way to celebrate women forging new ground in the energy and resources sector.







## The Great Cattle Dog Muster

Community Family Fun Day



Muswellbrook Showground 10am - 4pm Saturday 9th Sept



## Letter of gratitude for the 2022 Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce & Industry Marketing Program



Dear Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Inc),

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the 2022 Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce & Industry Marketing Program hosted by Livmedia. As a local company, I feel proud to be part of such an enthusiastic group of local businesses committed to driving growth and success in our local community.

The training and support provided by the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce are second to none, and I feel privileged to have access to such high-quality resources. The marketing program was a tremendous success.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Wayne Toms, for his ongoing mentorship, and his tireless efforts in organizing and facilitating this program, and to Livinia from Livmedia for its expertise, time, and support outside this course. We have been delighted to collaborate with Livmedia, which has been instrumental in my personal and business development.

I would also like to extend my profound gratitude to the Local Buying Foundation for generously funding the course fee-free. Their commitment to supporting local businesses is truly remarkable, and we are grateful for their continued support.

As the CEO of Ekulpoint – Mapping Memories, I am proud to be part of Muswellbrook business community that recognizes the value of collaboration and mutual support. The partnership between the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce, Livmedia, and the Local Buying Foundation has created a fantastic platform for local businesses to connect, learn, and grow together.

Fantastic program....

Kind regards

Peter Hodder Founder CEO Ekulpoint - Mapping Memories 0403384215 peter.hodder@ekulpoint.com.au



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## 2023 Muswellbrook Business Awards

Presentation Dinner
Friday 2nd June
Muswellbrook RSL Club



#### **Award Categories**

Excellence in Micro Business
Excellence on Small Business
Excellence in Business
Outstanding New Member
Excellence in Manufacturing
Making Muswellbrook Award



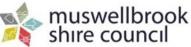
Excellence in Tourism
Outstanding Community Enterprise
Young Business Leader of the Year
Business Leader of the Year
Best Presented Business
Business of the Year



## Nominations/Entries Close Thursday 6th April















## **MCCI News**



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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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**Making Muswellbrook** 

**The Great Cattle Dog Muster** 

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## **Tickets Now Available**





'Inner Strength - No Limits'







Saturday 20th May Muswellbrook RSL Club

Inner strength has no limits when overcoming challenges and achieving goals.



Via Eventbrite

**Book Here** 

Book early to avoid disappointment

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## **Member News**





# Future proof your business

Provide local jobs for young local people

The school-based apprenticeship and traineeship (SBAT) program connects local businesses with students from your local high school.

- Businesses can employ a student to work as a trainee or apprentice while they complete year 11 and year 12.
- Students combine 1 day of paid work, industry training at a certificate II or III level, and attend school as part of their HSC plan.
- For local businesses, SBATs provide you with an opportunity to employ and train local young people, who can contribute to the current and future growth of your business.



"As a business in the hospitality sector, it is important that we continue to attract young people to our industry.

The SBAT program provides a unique pathway for students and helps businesses attract staff." Geoff Chesworth

Hunter Belle Cheese Cafe

Pictured: Chef Mark with Hunter Belle Cafe's school-based trainee, Josh Rohrich.



For more information on how an SBAT can work in your business, please contact Tracy Forbes, SBAT Engagement Officer on 0460 030 617 or scan the QR code.

#### **Benefits to business**

- 1 day per week commitment
- Training costs minimised
- Training an SBAT to fit your workplace
- Building a supported recruitment pathway
- Providing employment opportunities to local youth

This program is an initiative of the Educational Pathways Program.





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# Give life. Give blood in Muswellbrook.

**PCYC, Carl Street** 3 to 6 April



Monday 3 April Tuesday 4 April Wednesday 5 April Thursday 6 April

1.00 pm – 7 pm 1.00 pm – 7 pm 10.30 am – 7 pm

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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: <a href="https://www.whyleavetown.com/register">https://www.whyleavetown.com/register</a>

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



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## **Chamber Breakfast**





# Tuesday 4 April 2023 CHAMBER BREAKFAST

Venue: "Muswellbrook RSL Club"

7am - 9am

# Theme: 'AGL and NBN Co Updates

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

The Breakfast will be an opportunity to hear from AGL on the Liddell Power Station Closure, and from NBN Co on planned works in Muswellbrook LGA.







#### COST:

\$33.00\* for members

\$38.50\* for non-members

(\* incl of GST)

RSVPs close midday,

Thursday 30th March 2023

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 March

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.

### 2022-2023 Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Inc) Members' Directory

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A Corp Computers	Chandler Macleod	Hollydene Estate Wines + Vines	Mark Diggins Solicitor
AEE Services	Cleal, Doug & Roslyn	Restaurant	Melanie's Jewellers
AGL Macquarie	Comprint	Hunter Belle Cheese	Melt Hunter Valley Operations Pty Ltd
APM	Coolmore Australia	Hunter Carpet & Tile Care	
Aaron Henry Optometrist	Cre8ive Solutions	HunterNet Cooperative	Merton Living
Aberdeen Highland Games	Curtis Gant Betts	Hunter Plant Mechanics	Mikala Lighting Towers
Airspeed Aviation	DK Heavy Plant Services	Hunter Region Business Hub	Monteath Powys
Allweld Services	Davies Thompson & Wright	Hunter River Times	Mosaic Therapy & Supports Pty Ltd
Ausgrid	Services	Hunter TAFE	Muswellbrook Cinema
Austmine Limited	Dezigns Hub	Hunter Valley Operations	Muswellbrook & District Workers' Club
Australian Community Media	Dirragarra Contracting Pty Lt	Hunter Valley PA Hire	Muswellbrook Laundrette
BHP Billiton Mt Arthur Coal	Domino's Muswellbrook	Hunter Valley Printing	Muswellbrook Motors
Beacon Automatiom	Double Picc	Hunter Valley SUP	Muswellbrook PCYC
Bengalla Mining Company	Duffeyco Electrical Solutions	Innovationclub Pty Ltd	Muswellbrook Race Club Ltd
Beyond Dog Training	EMF Group	•	Muswellbrook RSL Sub-Branch Club
Blackrock Industries	Edmands Jainery	Integratedliving Australia Ltd	Ltd & Golf Club
Blackwoods	Edward Higgins Parkinson First	iSimplify Pty Ltd	Muswellbrook Security Services
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Breathe Skin Body Mind	Everest by Chef Raymond	Jennifer Lecky & Associates	Muswellbrook Steel Supplies P/L
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Brook Medical Centre	Fyfe Pty Ltd	John Hunter Motel	Australia
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CPR Pest Management Services	Gowing Advisory	Launchpad9 Pty Ltd	National Australia Bank
C-Res	Greentree Financial	Lavis Mitre 10	Northwest Mining
CRJ Maintenance Pty Ltd	Harvey Recruitment	Liv Media	OAS Technology Group
Cattle Dog Florist & Café	Hedweld Group of Companies	MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd	Dasis Media Pty Ltd
Central Arcade Pty Ltd	Hermitage Motel	MV Solar Pty Ltd	Ochre Opportunity Hub Upper
Cetnaj Muswellbrook	Hive Fitness	Malabar Coal Ltd	Hunter
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Pickering Homestead Sparke Helmore United Contract Services

Pirtek Muswellbrook Specific Solutions Pty Ltd Upper Hunter Automotive

Pores & Claws Success Tax Professionals Upper Hunter Community
Services

Pukara Estate Supply First Aid

Pumps & Pipeline Services P/L Supply Solutions Group Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music

RMS Services TAFE NSW Upper Hunter Fire Protection

RA Peasley Consulting TGM Enterprises Upper Hunter Homeless Support

Radio Hunter Valley TLE Electrical Upper Hunter Investments

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Regional Australia Bank The Happy Tooth Muswellbrook Upper Hunter Show Inc

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