



DUNGOG DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## NEWSLETTER

February 2021

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### Dear Members

To keep members up to date with Chamber happenings we will be sending out regular newsletters. With no Dungog Chronicle we all need to get creative about getting news out there.

If any members/businesses have any information they would like shared happy to have it included in our newsletters.

We will also be doing a monthly session on Dungog Radio on a Monday morning as part of Nola's program which airs from 10am to noon.

### FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

Our February dinner meeting held at Dungog Golf Club recently was a resounding success, with Brian and the team from Dungog Golf catering and looking after us very well on the night. A big thank you to them. The course looked a picture, and as Brian pointed out by maintained by volunteers.

We had members attending from across the shire and each gave an informative spiel on their businesses. Our dinner meeting nights great way for members to connect.

Carmen from Mai Wel was our guest speaker for the night. She spoke about there role in Dungog Shire and the various programs that Mai Wel run. They have clients looking for employment and would like to hear from businesses who would be in a position to provide. To contact Carmen ph 0427190801 email carmen.blundell@maiwel.com.au

Our next dinner meeting will be on Thursday March 18 at Royal Hotel Dungog. Our hosts Howard and Andrew look forward to showcasing their new establishment and will give a guided tour of the accommodation area.

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP FACILITATOR- HUNTER REGION-DUNGOG VISIT

Dungog District Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Hunter Futurepreneurs to deliver a business mentoring program to help local small businesses navigate general challenges and provide guidance and support to those who might want to start a new business.

Through this program, startups and business owners can receive one or more monthly 1 hour mentoring sessions with an experienced professional.

Cheryl Royle will be at Dungog RSL Club on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March. To book your free 1 hour session go to <https://calendly.com/hunterfuturepreneursprogram>

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## **TRAINING SESSIONS DELIVERED BY HUNTER REGION BUSINESS HUB**

Information has been sent out previously on the free online webinars provided by the Hub on a range of topics. These are being run on a weekly basis. The HUB provide 24 hours of training to anyone with an ABN which can attend at training courses and or one on one training.

We are looking to have themed months for training in Dungog commencing with March as social media month and April business organisation.

Next training session will be on Instagram for your Small Business, to be held at Dungog RSL Club in auditorium commencing at 5.30pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

To register and more information click on link

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/instagram-your-small-business-marketing-tool-tickets-132454259255#>

To contact the HUB: [digital@huntervalleyhub.com.au](mailto:digital@huntervalleyhub.com.au)

## **NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS**

We welcome the following businesses who have recently joined.

Sassafras Dowling Street

Billie and Grace Dowling Street

Vacy Village Motel

## **DESTINATION SYDNEY SURROUNDS NORTH – REGIONAL NSW FUNDING**

Information was sent out yesterday on recently announced grants. In particular the following grant may be of interest to local businesses. For information on your eligibility for grant or for support contact Michael Forster at Destination Sydney Surrounds North: [michael.forster@dssn.com.au](mailto:michael.forster@dssn.com.au) m: 0466 093 709.

### **Tourism Product Development Fund (\$3 million – closes 31 March)**

Stream 1 - Refresh and Renew Fund: offering \$10,000 grants to regional tourism operators to update their product or experience.

Stream 2 - Experience Enhancement Fund: provides between \$50,000 and \$150,000 in matched funding to assist operators upgrade existing accommodation to improve their star rating, upgrade business and leisure event venues and facilities, repurpose existing infrastructure to provide new

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facilities or experiences not currently available within the destination, or to create new tourism attractions or experiences.

## **LACK OF 'AROUND THE CLOCK' POLICING IN DUNGOG SHIRE**

The Chamber has written to the Police Minister concerned with the recent absences of policing in the Shire. We have asked for some community consultation regarding this issue. We are awaiting a response.

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