

Dear Members

To bring you up to date with Chamber happenings.

AGM HELD 21st OCTOBER 2021

Thank you to our members who took the time to show your support for DDCC by attending our AGM at Dungog RSL. Please find attached the President's report also.

Elected committee for 2021/22:

Marion Stuart **President**

Sonia Bowden **Vice President**

Chris Ahearn **Secretary**

Suzanne Sandery **Treasurer**

Committee : Michael Williams, James Slack, Wes Neilson, Dan Lyons, Andrea McInnes

We welcome Dan and Andrea as new members of committee and look forward to their contribution as being innovative and relatively new business owners in the area. Thank you to Erika Seck and Heather Watkins for their contribution and support as committee persons, both of whom stepped down during the year.

UP COMING EVENTS

We are to that time of the year with plenty going on especially now as covid restrictions gradually ease.

The Chamber has a number of events/promotions coming up.

2021 BUSINESS AWARDS CELEBRATION

To be held at Dungog Golf Club as an outdoor event on Saturday 11th December. Let's come together and celebrate the success of these award winning businesses.

To book your tickets and for full details, please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2021-business-awards-celebration-tickets-198109429637>

SHOP LOCAL. SHOP LATE THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 4pm to 8pm

Chamber would like to encourage Dungog retail and eateries to stay opened for an evening of late night shopping. A bit of Christmas shopping fun and a chance to support local on Thursday 25th November. Please help spread the word and become involved if you can. Advertising posters have been delivered around Dungog main street and posts on social media.

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CHRISTMAS WINDOW DISPLAY COMPETITION

Calling for businesses around the Shire to put on your best Christmas face with decorated windows/displays. There are two categories, best window/display, chosen by our judge, and best window/display, chosen by popular vote. No entry required by businesses and your prize will be bragging rights. Judging will commence early December. Persons voting however will go into a draw for a voucher for \$100 Dungog Dollars which can be spent at any our member businesses. Customers will be directed to vote through our Chamber website www.ddcc.org.au. Announcement of winners and customer voting draw will be Thursday 16th December. Posters and social media advertising going out very soon.

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS MEET THE CANDIDATE

The Chamber would like to announce a 'meet the candidate' evening for Dungog Shire residents on Tuesday 23rd October, commencing 6.30pm, at the James Theatre Dungog.

All candidates will be invited to come along, introduce themselves and give a short outline of what they have to offer as a Dungog Shire councillor. There will be no questions from the floor during presentations but there will be opportunity after all the presentations for residents to speak with candidates. To conform with present Covid requirements anyone attending must be fully vaccinated and masks will need to be worn.

Election day is Saturday 4th December.

GREG GRAINGER TV FILMING IN AREA THIS WEEK

In a collaborative effort Dungog Shire, Dungog Regional Tourism, and the Chamber have been able to secure this company to put together a segment on our area for a feature on Travel Oz. They will be filming and interviewing locals at the end of this week and should appear on the small screen around March 2022.

RECRUITMENT DRIVE LIONS CLUB DUNGOG

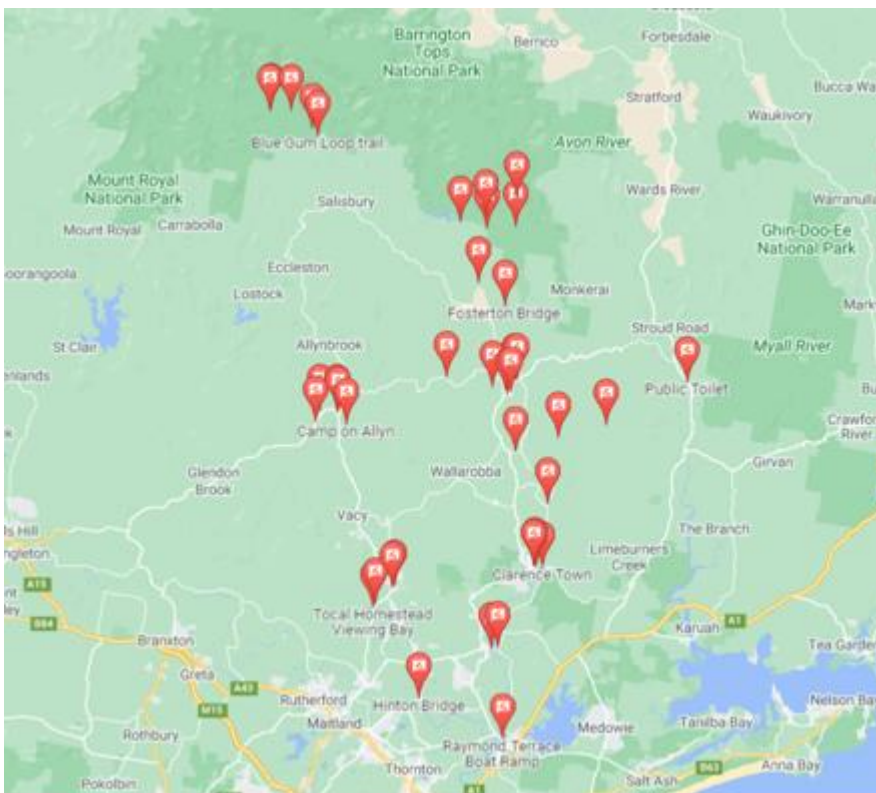
I met with Lions Club members from Gloucester as well as the Lions District Governor Glenys Francis. They are keen to recruit new members for the Dungog Lions Club and see it become an active and involved group in the local community again. I have attached an outline of what the club has achieved over the last 10 years and the great financial contribution Lions has made in this time. Glenys pointed out many local Lions projects are done on a dollar for dollar basis meaning Lions Australia were contributing 50% of funding.

LOCAL GOOGLE MAP PLACES

One of the projects DRT (Dungog Regional Tourism) has been working on is Google Maps places. Colin Norman has been progressively adding into Google Maps various places around the shire that are potentially of interest to visitors. He's added or updated about 35 places. If you now search on topics like Scenic Spots, Picnic Areas, Tourist Attractions, Parks, Lookouts etc, a lot more local places will show up. Let your visitors know!

If you have any ideas for additional places, or see anything that needs correction, let us know.

Colin is also happy to help you put your own place or business on Google Maps if you are not sure how to do it.



500,000

Hi Colin,

The places you've added are popular: 500,000 total views

The places you added to Google Maps have been seen 500,000 times! Contributions like these help others make decisions about the things worth doing and places worth seeing – keep it up!

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