



## Work On Your Business Training Series

For many of us, it's easy to be busy working in your business. But how do you find time or the support needed to help you work on your business.

Council has designed the Work On Your Business series, to run from April to May 2019.

The series is sponsored by Greater Hume Council.

**16 businesses have registered for the series. It's not too late to register. Contact Marg Killalea T 6036 0100**

## NSW First Tourism Workshop Program

Unlock the tourism potential of your business by developing and promoting a great visitor experience that can be booked through a range of channels.

This Tourism Development Workshop will provide the tools you need to understand the market, create or refine a tourism experience that can be sold to visitors, learn about funding opportunities and how to promote via media and social channels. This workshop will suit tourism businesses, such as accommodation, tours and attractions; as well as other businesses

interested in developing a tourism product, such as wineries, breweries, artisan food producers, unique dining experiences, galleries and gardens.

### Tourism Development Workshop

**Date: 9 May 2019**

Time: 9:00am – 2:15pm

Location: Albury - Mantra Albury Hotel

Cost to attend: \$50.00

Register here

<https://bit.ly/2YMT3pJ>

**For more information contact Council's Tourism and Promotions Officer, Kerrie Wise, T: 02 6036 0100.**

# STP

## Single Touch Payroll

Tuesday, 9 April - Holbrook  
5.30pm to 7.00pm @  
Holbrook

The Single Touch Payroll workshop is in Holbrook on Tuesday 9 April

To register

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/single-touch-payroll-holbrook-tickets-58410539496>

highlights:



**Connectivity Talmalmo**  
Mobile tower for Talmalmo



**Grass Roots Beef**  
A 'farm 2 plate' success story



**Inland Rail**  
Update on Inland Rail project



**Ellwood's at the Park**  
Bob and Deb Ellwood appointed managers

## Grass Roots Beef

This story involves a large rural property at Wantagong, near Holbrook, and an enterprising couple who live at Jindera.

Gordon Shaw, wife Leanne Wheaton, his brother Jim and sister, Cathy have a 1600 hectare property at Wantagong. The property runs 500 Hereford breeders and several thousand Merino and cross bred sheep. In 2015 the family started **Grass Roots Beef**.

Grass fed beef grown on the family farm at Wantagong is marketed in packaged form directly to retail customers via their website and by direct selling at farmers markets across the region. Packaged cuts are also sold to specialty food outlets.

The on farm production system involves cattle born and growing while roaming freely in large paddocks grazing on native and introduced grasses. In dry times or in winter, livestock are fed hay or silage and not a formulated diet in an intensive feedlot.

Discerning consumers have been catching on about the benefits of 'grass fed' beef and taking their 'meat' buying decisions into their own hands. Buying beef directly from the local farmer ensures consumers know their product, the story behind it and they

get an assurance from the farmer that the product has been ethically raised and cared for. Gordon shared "low stress handling and processing locally ensures that the meat maintains optimal tenderness and flavour and customers feel good about the meat they eat".

**Consumers are getting the message as awareness of how food is produced, and a preference for low food miles involved is gaining momentum locally, regionally and world-wide.**

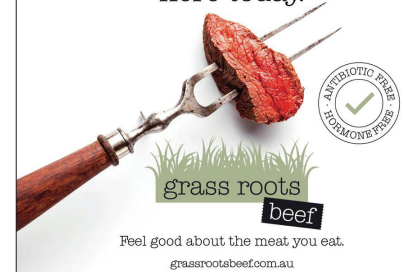
Catching up with Gordon just recently, he said due to growing demand, both he and Leanne now work full time in the venture.

[grassrootsbeef.com.au](http://grassrootsbeef.com.au)

'farm 2 plate'

Meat here...

Local 100% Grass Fed Beef here today.



Feel good about the meat you eat.  
[grassrootsbeef.com.au](http://grassrootsbeef.com.au)



^ Gordon Shaw presenting at Henty Field Day Food Hall

## New owners and new management team for Holbrook Motor Village Caravan Park

There are new owners at the Holbrook Motor Village Caravan Park - Stuart Meacham and Fleur Vaughan officially took over the park mid March.

Bob and Deb Ellwood have been appointed park managers, moving from Albury to Holbrook. Bob Ellwood was a previous Secretary/Manager at the Holbrook RS Club.

**The Ellwoods and new owners are looking forward to making their mark on the park!**



^ Bob and Deb Ellwood, new managers at Holbrook Motor Village Caravan Park

## New lessee for Doodle Cooma Arms

Alison Baldock is the new lessee at the Doodle Cooma Arms Hotel, in Henty.

Tania and Josh Corrigan, who retain the freehold, have renovated the pub "so residents, visitors and sporting teams had a place to come back to, so it's a real meeting place".





## Murray Region 'Farm 2 Plate' Program

The Murray Farm to Plate Program (F2P) is designed to realise the region's potential as an agri and culinary tourism destination.

The Murray Farm to Plate Program is a regional cross-border initiative and has been proudly funded by the NSW Government in association with the Victorian Government, Local Government partners and Murray Regional Tourism.

The program structure has been developed for the Murray Regional Tourism Board.

The project has resulted from stakeholder input across a series of forums testing the need and support for the concept.

A strategic framework enables the Murray F2P program to be developed and activated. The objective of the program is to help grow both the agri-food and tourism economies and to create collaboration across the region and industry sectors.

A workshop was held on Wednesday 3 April to present to the local food community the key findings of the Farm 2 Plate Strategic Opportunities Report.

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### What is STP ?

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### Single Touch Payroll: are you prepared?

- ☁ Do you have a current accounting and/or payroll software subscription?
- ☁ Are you an employer of less than 19 employees?
- ☁ Have you heard of Single Touch Payroll (STP)?
- ☁ Did you know that STP reporting is compulsory for all employers from 1 July 19?
- ☁ Are you Single Touch Payroll ready?

Single Touch Payroll (STP) is a significant change that will require many employers to upgrade or replace their payroll system this financial year in order to meet their payroll reporting obligations. Is your business ready?

**When?**  
Albury – Thursday April 4 at 5:30pm – 7:00pm @ ChamberHUB  
Holbrook – Tuesday April 9 at 5:30pm – 7:00pm @ Holbrook Library  
Corowa – Wednesday April 10 at 5:30pm – 7:00pm @ Old TAFE

Join us for a FREE workshop where RSM & BEC will be joining forces to help small business owners better understand how STP will affect you, along with tools and tips to get you started on the STP journey.

At the end of the session you will know what to do or where to get help to ensure your business complies with the new ATO reporting requirements before 1 July 2019.

**REGISTER VIA EVENTBRITE - [becriverinaevents.eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/venues/becriverinaevents)**



▲ Picturesque farmland at Talmalmo

## Big connectivity win for Talmalmo

The Australian Government has announced funding for a mobile phone tower at Talmalmo, located between Wymah and Jingellic.

The tower's range will be a 15km radius and will ensure connectivity for those living and operating rural businesses in the small Upper Murray community "with the signal reaching nearly to Jingellic and not quite to Wymah" said Mayor, Cr Heather Wilton.

**Staff from Sussan Ley's office have advised that Telstra will be installing the mobile tower and is scheduled for completion mid 2020.**

## Inland Rail in Culcairn

Inland Rail is a once-in-a-generation freight rail infrastructure project from Melbourne to Brisbane that is also connecting regional Australia.

The 1,700-kilometre rail line will transform the way goods are moved around Australia. Inland Rail will bring lower costs and greater efficiency to freight customers including farmers, with a Melbourne to Brisbane transit time of less than 24 hours. The Federal Government has committed \$9.3 billion to deliver Inland Rail with the first train planned in 2025.

Around Culcairn, in the 185-kilometre Albury to Illabo project area, Inland Rail will use the existing rail line, so no new track building is required.

To run double-stacked freight trains on the rail line, bridge heights need to be increased to 7.1 metres, this means some bridges will be replaced or removed, or the track may be lowered where possible.

Some rail track and other rail infrastructure such as signals or level crossings also need to be moved to widen the area inside the rail corridor for larger trains.

The Balfour Street footbridge in Culcairn is one of the sites that isn't high enough for double-stacked freight trains and would need to be removed.

The Greater Hume Council and Culcairn Development Committee have asked Inland Rail to consider relocating the historic bridge to a nearby area so it can continue to be enjoyed by the community and visitors to the town.

Inland Rail supports the relocation, yet more investigations such as heritage, site and structure assessments still need to be completed before a final decision is made.

In early December 2018, Inland Rail held a community information session in Culcairn to find out what the community would like to see happen with the bridge, and most people were very keen to see it retained nearby to preserve its history and continue to be enjoyed.

With construction still at least two years away, there will be more opportunities for the Culcairn community to provide their input on the Balfour Street footbridge in coming months.

**For more information please see the Inland Rail website or contact Inland Rail NSW Community hotline on 1800 732 761.**



^ Residents attending the Inland Rail community information session at Culcairn



## BUSINESS BUILDER WORKSHOP ALBURY-WODONGA by La Trobe Accelerator Program

Are you looking to create or update your business? Do you have an innovative idea that will make real change, but you don't know how to turn it into a profitable business? The program is being run by La Trobe University Accelerator Program and Enterprising Partnerships.

Date: Thurs, 9 May 9:00am - 4:00pm La Trobe University Albury Wodonga Campus 133 McKoy St, Wodonga.

To register <https://bit.ly/2KjdzLx>





## Council's new website

### 3 hints to help you use the website

#### Hint 1

**Lodging a Customer Request** - allows residents and the public to lodge a customer request. Go to Contact Us tab on the homepage, click on 'Lodge a Customer Request', complete the fields (some fields are compulsory) and upload photos or documents (up to 10mb in total), click on SUBMIT BUTTON (may take 2 to 5 minutes), a copy of your request will be emailed to you.

#### Hint 2

**Predictive Search** (the website predicts what you may be looking for) - predictive search displays page and file name results based on the first 3 characters typed. Go to the Search Button (top right hand), start to type what you are searching, click on a suggested search result link from the predictive list, or click the search button to display a full list of results eg type in "min", see what comes up, then type in "minu" and you should get much more detail. HINT, DON'T enter only TWO CHARACTERS it won't work, it is not that predictive.

#### Hint 3

**Searching Council Agendas and Minutes** - When searching for a topic presented at a Council meeting, go to the Council Meetings page. To the right is Search Minutes & Agendas, enter a word or phrase eg skate parks - Council Meeting dates relating to this topic will appear, from the top in order of appearance, click on the date, any reference to skate parks during that meeting will appear (sometimes the word "park" may also appear). If it is not the reference you are looking for, go to the next Council Meeting date and so on, until you have found the reference.

Try out the new website .... we welcome your comments to

E: [website@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](mailto:website@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au)

[greaterhume.nsw.gov.au](http://greaterhume.nsw.gov.au)

## Industrial land for sale



Council's new industrial estate at Jindera offers fully serviced allotments. Services include water, sewer and electricity with natural gas infrastructure nearby. Prices are from \$20 per sqm (exc GST).

The Holbrook Industrial Estate is located close to on/off ramps for quick access to the Hume Freeway. Services include water, sewer and electricity with natural gas infrastructure nearby. Prices are from \$17 per sqm (exc GST).

Enquiries: Steven Pinnuck or Marg Killalea T: 6036 0100.

## Post job vacancies to Jobs Riverina

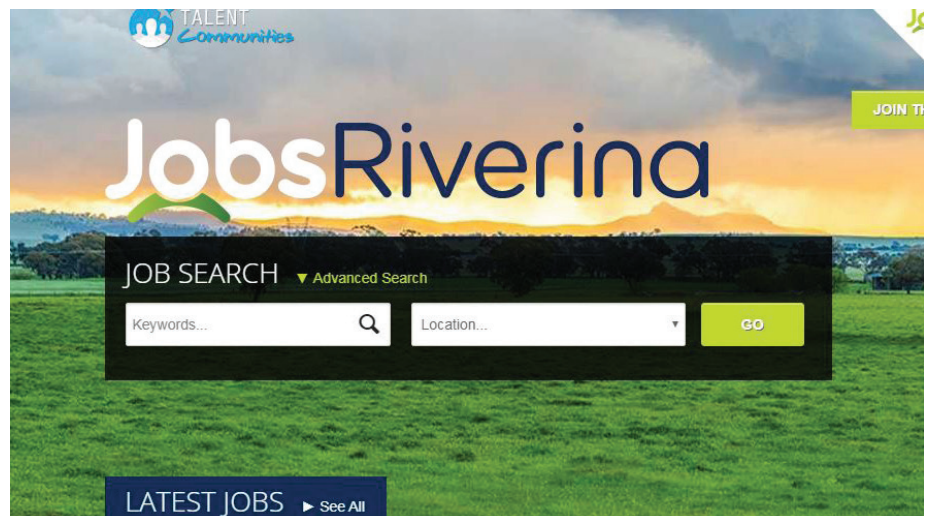
Are you a local business looking for new staff?

Your job vacancies can be posted to [jobsriverina.com.au](http://jobsriverina.com.au) at no cost.

Jobs Riverina is an initiative of Regional

Development Australia Riverina.

RDA's mission is to help local businesses grow by assisting them to find the staff they need to grow their business as well as to attract new business to the region, so that more people can live, work and play in our beautiful part of the world.





## Get the latest economic stats

Council subscribes to the REMPLAN Economic Profile for Greater Hume Council area, with free public access a feature.

It's our local economy at a glance. Get headline stats on local population, employment, output, tourism and gross regional product (GRP).

From this page explore and understand our local economy in terms industry contributions, the role of tourism, workforce characteristics and trends. You can compare our local government area's stats to the Riverina region, NSW and Australia. To view the profile <https://bit.ly/2UeBXy5>

## Need a will ? there's a way

### NSW Trustee and Guardian visits Albury

The Trustee and Guardian Wagga branch visits Albury on the 3rd Wednesday of each month to provide services to the local communities. If you need to make or update your Will, Power of Attorney or Enduring Guardian T: 02 6932 7800 to make an appointment. [tag.nsw.gov.au](http://tag.nsw.gov.au)

## Cyber Security Small Business Program – grants for cyber security health checks

Provides businesses with 19 or fewer employees with a grant of up to \$2,100 for a certified small business cyber security health check to determine business risk and areas that need attention. Who can apply?

At a minimum, you must: have a certified small business health check undertaken by a certified CREST approved provider, have an Australian Business Number (ABN), be registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST), employ 19 or fewer full-time equivalent employees, and be either an entity incorporated in Australia, a partnership, or a sole trader. Other eligibility requirements apply.

**Applications close: 30 June 2020 5:00 pm AEST.** Contact information 13 28 46 <https://bit.ly/2ELS6Ep>

## Instant asset write-off

The Australian Government has announced the \$20,000 write-off will run through to June 30 2020. The scheme, which allows businesses with less than \$10 million in turnover to write-off a purchased asset worth less than \$20,000 in their tax return for that year, will also be extended to cover assets up to \$25,000.

**On 29 January 2019, the Prime Minister announced that the government will introduce legislation to increase the \$20,000 instant asset write-off threshold to \$25,000 from 29 January 2019 until 30 June 2020. This proposal is not yet law.**

"Many small businesses don't know about the instant asset write-off and I think it's really important the government, through possibly the ATO, let's small businesses and their accountants know what's happened," said Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman, Kate Carnell.

"When I've been out on the road talking to small businesses; it's amazing how many of them don't have any idea and don't know what it can be used for."

<https://bit.ly/2NGY2mz>

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There is a range of no-cost and low-cost Single Touch Payroll (STP) solutions available <https://bit.ly/2XBfbmr>

Micro employers (1–4 employees) will also have a number of alternative options that are not available to employers with 20 or more employees – such as initially allowing your registered tax or BAS agent to report quarterly, rather than each time you run your payroll.

Exemptions to STP reporting will also be available if you have no internet or an unreliable connection.

Source: Australian Tax Office [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au)

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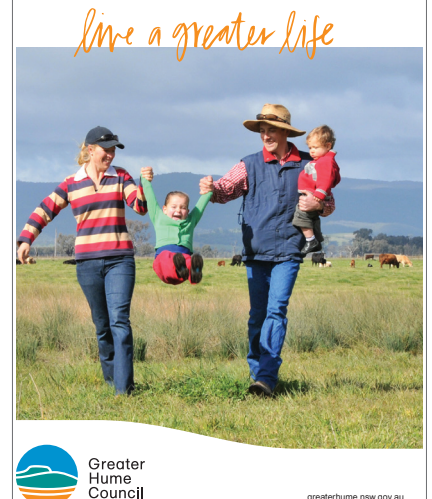
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## Residents Guide



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^ Copies of the Residents Guide are available at any Council Office