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The latest in business news, events and training

More assistance for Flood-Impacted Primary Producers

There is now additional support for flood-affected primary producers in NSW, as part of the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Recovery grants to help with the immediate clean-up and recovery costs and to repair extensive damage have been increased from \$25,000 to up to \$75,000 for primary producers. Rural landholders can now also apply for grants of up to \$10,000.

The grants are available in all the local government areas (LGAs) that have been disaster declared since 14 September. A full list of eligible LGAs is available on the NSW Rural Assistance Authority's (RAA) Declared Natural Disasters webpage.

"These grants will support farmers with their immediate needs and I would encourage anyone who's been impacted to get in touch with their local Rural Financial Counselling Service and see what help is available" said Minister for Emergency Management, Senator Murray Watt.

<https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/declarations>

Legal Aid for flood affected victims

The Disaster Response Legal Service provides free legal help for disaster affected community members in NSW

The Disaster Response Legal Service provides free legal help for disaster affected community members in NSW with legal issues like:

- Insurance claims and disputes
- Housing and rental problems including caravan parks
- Credit, debt, fines and financial hardship
- Eligibility for disaster relief grants and benefits
- Employment – unfair dismissals, entitlements
- Domestic violence
- Other legal problems related to disasters.

Anyone affected by a disaster can get free help by contacting the Disaster Response Legal Service NSW helpline on 1800 801 529 (9am to 5pm weekdays).

Disaster Response Legal Service NSW

1800 801 529

www.disasterhelp.legalaid.nsw.gov.au



Japanese encephalitis vaccine

NSW has widened access to free Japanese encephalitis (JE) vaccine.

JE vaccine is now recommended for people aged two months or older who live or routinely work in 39 LGA's including Greater Hume and who:

- Spend significant time outdoors (four hours per day), for unavoidable work, recreation, education, or other essential activities, OR
- Are living in temporary or flood damaged accommodation (e.g. camps, tents, dwellings exposed to the external environment) that place them at increased risk of exposure to mosquitoes, OR
- Are engaged in the prolonged outdoor recovery efforts (clean up) of stagnant waters following floods

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/mosquitoes>



Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans by infected mosquitoes.

Find out more at health.nsw.gov.au



Highlights:



Albury Galvanizing
wins Sorel Award 2022



Regional Tech Hub
sorts internet & phone woes



E V charge stations
coming to Holbrook



Geelong Leather update
beautiful sustainable hides

Albury Galvanizing win major award

Albury Galvanizing has won the Sorel Award for 2022, for innovative use of Hot Dip Galvanizing for the Aquna Sustainable Murray Cod Inland Aquaculture project in Stanbridge NSW.



The Sorel Award showcases the versatility and capability of Australian and New Zealand Hot Dip Galvanizers and is awarded annually by the Galvanizers Association of Australia. The award was announced and presented at the Gala Dinner for the Annual Conference held in Cairns in October 2022.

Albury Galvanizing is a provider of Hot Dip Galvanizing services based in Jindera NSW.

Galvanizing is the process of applying a protective zinc coating to steel to

prevent rusting. Albury Galvanizing was one of 4 finalists to present their submission, before being announced the winner of the prestigious Sorel Award. The win highlights the outstanding service and quality product provided by Albury Galvanizing.

General Manager of Albury Galvanizing, Brent Hallows said "We would like to thank our project partners, Aquna Sustainable Murray Cod and Fabricator Commins Enterprises for trusting in us to deliver outstanding galvanizing services on this project".

"A special thankyou to all our amazing team here at Albury Galvanizing who

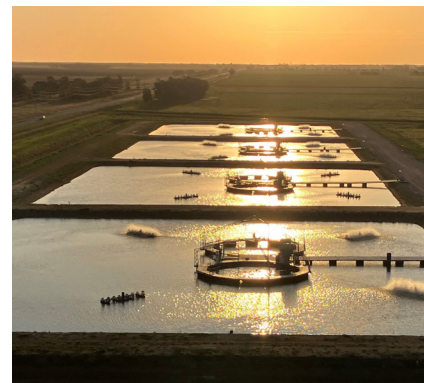


^ Peter Golding Galvanising Association, Brent Hallows and Dean Heather of Albury Galvanising accepting the Sorel Award in October 2022.

all contributed to making this possible. To be recognised amongst our industry peers is a great achievement".

Located at the Jindera Industrial Estate, Albury Galvanising can be described as an asset to local manufacturing, the wider region and beyond to North east Victoria, ACT and NSW, and currently has 40 employees across the site.

Well done and congratulations to all the team at Albury Galvanizing.



^ Aquna Sustainable Murray Cod

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Changes to Accelerated Depreciation

The accelerated depreciation rules that allow businesses to claim an immediate deduction for capital purchases are scheduled to end 30 June 2023.

From the 2024 financial year these capital purchases may need to be written off over several years.

Importantly, businesses will need to hold the asset ready for use, before they can claim the tax deduction.

While this is still 7 months away, anyone that has tried to purchase a new vehicle recently will be aware it can take some time for the customer to actually get their hands on the asset.

All these factors combined make it important that if businesses plan on accessing the temporary full expensing measures before the end date, that they plan this well in advance.

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A poster for a 'Business Breakfast' event. It features a dark, textured background with blue and white geometric patterns. A banner at the top says 'Save the Date'. Below it, the text 'BUSINESS BREAKFAST' is written in large, bold, white letters. The date and time 'Thursday 17 February 8:00am - 9:15am' and the location 'J and B's Gourmet Cafe' are listed. A circular portrait of Linda Griffiths-Brown, identified as 'Total HRM', is shown. The Greater Hume Council logo is at the bottom left.

BUSINESS BREAKFAST
17 February 2023 (8.00am to 9.15am) at J B's Gourmet Café – fabulous breakfast provided.
Guest presenter is Linda Griffiths Brown of Total HRM – Recruiting the right staff. Sponsored by Greater Hume Council.

Here to help - even if you're flooded in!

Ongoing months of flooding across much of NSW flooding has had ongoing effects for hundreds of primary producers and other inundated small business owners across the State – but the Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW is ready to lend a hand.

RFCS NSW Executive Officer David Galloway said wet weather events had a tsunami effect in multiple NSW regions, with farmers overwhelmed by the cumulative effects of rain, flooding, sodden ground, damage to crops, stock, infrastructure and equipment.

“When you're in the midst of crisis, it can sometimes feel impossible to see a way out, especially when costs and interest rates are continuing to rise, and years of planned income are being simultaneously knocked out,” Mr Galloway said.

“But our locally embedded Financial Counsellors are here help, no one has to go it alone.

“Pick up the phone and talk to us anytime on 1800 319 458, we can get in front of the banks, work through your disaster relief options, and get things sorted out together.

“Our Rural Financial Counsellors can assist famers remotely to complete Special Disaster Grant Applications and have been conducting online group sessions, as well as helping over the phone.

“We can also share screens and take people through the application process step by step.

“Let us make things easier for you.”



www.rfcsnsw.com.au

T: 1800 319 458



Regional Tech Hub

Do you have ongoing phone and internet problems which impact your business or farm?

Reach out to

<https://regionalttechhub.org.au/>

Get connected, stay connected. The Regional Tech Hub offers independent advice and support and helps regional Australians navigate often confusing phone and internet options and technical issues. The hub, a federal government initiative

run by the National Farmers' Federation and the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network, is on a mission to help rural people understand how to get connected.

The independent and free support service helps rural Australians overcome technical issues and navigate a multitude of satellite, fixed wireless and mobile options.

After 18 months of operation and 100,000 requests for help across the country, the hub received \$6 million in the October federal budget to expand its service.



New Business - Bella Lou The Label

Nearly 12 months to the day, Bella Lou The Label is making its presence known across the Greater Hume region and to wider customers.

BELLA LOU

the label

What evolved out of conversations and a shared love of clothes, and the lack of any local clothing outlet, spurred entrepreneurial locals Carla Black and Kristie Preston to explore, and commit to start a women's online fashion boutique and retail outlet.

"Despite having crazy busy lives as a business owner and full time teacher, we decided to take the plunge and launch head first into a business that allowed us to indulge and surround ourselves in beautiful things. Beautiful homewares, baby items, women's clothes and accessories but most importantly, beautiful people" said Carla.

The Bella Lou The Label retail store is located at 135a Albury Street, Holbrook.

Clothing is focused on trans-seasonal garments made by Australian and New Zealand designers, "our range won't be found in the big department stores" said Kristie.

"It certainly has filled a gap in the local market, as Bella Lou is the only local business offering good quality women's clothing for all shapes and sizes" added Kristie.

The business is growing quickly as the founders have responded to customers' needs and expanded into a women's footwear, and other accessories including boutique range of homewares and baby products for which there is good demand.

"At the present time, our retail outlet is open weekends and by appointment, as we are focusing on building the brand across the region by participating in local markets, and expanding the website. **We are also building a wider online audience via Google Ads, and other digital tools like Meta Business Suite (which manages their social and digital promotions) for Facebook,**

Instagram and TicTok" said Carla.

Carla indicated that her strong business skill set as part owner of Holbrook Bakery has aided the start up, and with Kristie's home decor skills and good eye for fashion and beautiful things, means that each have complementary skills which can attribute the success of the business so far.

Carla indicated that residents across Greater Hume are responding to the new clothing range being offered, and sales are growing.

Carla and Kristie hand-picked beautiful labels, and have stepped forward to create their own Bella Lou The Label clothing range, as this was something they had dreamed of prior.

Early business success provided Carla and Kirstie with confidence to design their own range of women's fashion, starting with three beautiful classic pieces - an oversized linen button through shirt, a linen stretch grandpa shirt and a classic linen shirtdress.



^ Carla Black and Kristie Preston



^ At Culcairn Street Party held 18 Nov 2022

Bellalouthelabel.com.au

Like and Follow on Facebook and Instagram

Save the Date

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thursday 24 February
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Culcairn Hotel



Mell Millgate
Starfish Marketing



Greater Hume Council

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS - 24 February (6pm to 8pm) at Culcairn Hotel. Guest presenter Mell Millgate of Starfish Marketing – utilising digital technology to promote and grow your business. Sponsored by Greater Hume Council.

Did you know?

Geelong Leather creates beautiful and sustainable world renowned 'wet blue' leather

Geelong Leather, located on the outskirts of the township of Culcairn otherwise known as "the oasis of the Riverina", creates beautiful and sustainable world-renowned Wet Blue leather. Geelong Leather forms part of the Hassall group of companies a solely Australian family-owned organisation that has been operating in the industry for over 95 years.

Processing of hides and leather tanning is one of the very earliest of the recycling industries, originating from when humans discovered the benefits of preserving skins instead of using them in their raw state.

Geelong Leather is proud of its innovation and commitment to sustainability over the 15 years the Culcairn plant has been in operation, preventing raw hides from ending up in landfill. This year we were showcased by the Landline program for our environmentally friendly practices which include recycling 98% of all waste from the facility. Waste produced at our Culcairn plant is redeployed into other sectors to be recycled into products such as biodiesel, collagen, dog chews and fertilizer.

We are a proud Australian producer, sourcing Australian grown hides to produce our Wet blue Leather. We supply some of the world's most reputable high-end fashion, sporting, luxury, and automotive brands with custom-made quality leather to turn into beautiful, versatile, and durable products. We are supplying reputable Australian brands to produce everyday Australian products such as work boots, accessories, and footballs.

We proudly invest in the local community in an effort to support local growth, through employment opportunities, business relationships and community sponsorship programs.

Over the last 15 years we have seen a large growth in our workforce and now employ in excess of 80 people from Culcairn and its surrounding areas, with fifteen staff achieving over ten years of service.



This year we have participated in the Pacific Australian Labour Mobilisation Scheme and the NSW GROW initiative - this allows us to engage in international relationships with the country of Fiji, and work with refugees located in Australia, enabling cultural growth not only within our workforce but also the local community.

Since commencing work at the Culcairn facility we have seen immense

growth and depth within the facility and the industry as a whole.

We have achieved several international accreditations with the aim of ensuring the sustainability, longevity, and further development of the Culcairn plant.

In the coming years, we plan to implement innovative systems and invest further in local development.

More Rapid EV charge stations coming

Holbrook - "EV friendly"

The NSW Treasurer and Minister for Energy Matt Kean recently announced co-funding for one of three funding rounds to provide an effective EV charging network for the state.

The first rollout of 86 new fast and ultra-fast EV charging stations, includes a 4 bay station to be erected at Ampol Holbrook which will be fully powered with renewable energy. Two ultra-fast EV charging bays of 350kW capacity, and two fast charging bays of 175kW.

The NSW Government has a target to add approximately 250 fast and ultra-fast charging stations in total across NSW, ensuring chargers are no more than 5km apart in metropolitan areas and no more than 100km apart on major roads and highways across NSW, to reduce the 'range anxiety' of owning an electric vehicle.

Electric charge stations can fully recharge EV vehicles in about 30 minutes.

Holbrook was an obviously choice for the first round, due to its location on the Hume Highway, and a midway point between Melbourne and Sydney.

Holbrook's first EV fast charging station was installed in 2019 by way of a NRMA/Council agreement and 'has been in constant use' said Tourism Officer, Kerrie Wise.



Editor of Greater Hume Business News, Marg Killalea has been reliably informed that an additional 15 charge stations are coming to Holbrook/Woomargama in the next year.

"If you are travelling the Hume between Melbourne and Sydney,

Holbrook is well placed to become known as an EV friendly town and will add to the town's popularity as a key fuel/meal stop on the Hume, and with the expanded EV charge stations, this will increase visitation" said Marg Killalea.

"A flow on should be the expansion of the EV charging network into other towns across the shire" she added.



Interested in buying EV?

NSW Government strategy driving the change to EV

The NSW Government is offering \$3,000 rebates for the first 25,000 new battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles with a dutiable value of less than \$68,750.

This incentive, along with the abolition of stamp duty, will save eligible EV purchasers up to \$5,540, and help drive the uptake of EVs to more than 50% of all car sales by 2030-31.

If you register an eligible vehicle from 1 September 2021, you can claim back your rebate.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/initiative/nsw-governments-electric-vehicle-strategy/ev-rebates>

Under this EV Strategy, the NSW Government is:

- Making it easier to afford an EV by providing incentives and phasing out stamp duty on eligible EVs.
- Transitioning the NSW Government passenger fleet to EVs by 2030.
- Investing \$171 million to build world class road network of ultra-fast charging stations.
- Introducing a distance-based road user charge (RUC) for eligible EVs of 2.5c/km (indexed to CPI) from 1 July 2027 or when EVs reach 30% of new vehicle sales, whichever comes first.

A local perspective on owning an EV

Editor Business News recently sat down with local businessman, Bruce Quick, to learn more about owning and driving an electric vehicle (EV).



Bruce describes himself as “generally an early adopter, so I purchased my Tesla electric vehicle in 2018 because I was fascinated by the technology”.

Since Bruce has clocked up 180,000 km travel. “The more kilometres I clock up, the more driving an EV just makes sense” he said.

His car has two electric motors, one of each axle, which are sealed, “the vehicle should be good for 500,000 km”.

With only 25 moving parts and 8 external cameras, the car is smart, enabling him to utilise the autonomous mode on highway trips to Melbourne and Sydney, meaning he can arrive at his destination much fresher.

Bruce says once fully charged, the latest EVs can travel up to 600 km.

He said that presently his running cost is about 20% or less of the rising cost of petrol or diesel, as he recharges overnight on off-peak electricity, adding if you own solar panels and can hook up, you charge for free. “My car knows that time it is, and when I plug it in, I go to sleep, and the car starts charging at 11pm and finishes at 6am, when off-peak ends”. Bruce also loves the outstanding acceleration of the vehicle, with zero to 100km in 4 seconds!

Bruce considers he is way ahead regarding his total cost of car ownership – taking into account running costs, rego, and virtually zero maintenance apart from brakes and tyres.

Bruce has no regrets, as he has ordered his second EV.



NSW Energy Support

Compare energy plans

Energy Made Easy is an energy price comparison service for households and small businesses.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/compare-energy-plans-energy-made-easy>

What about road user charges?

A future distance-based road user charge will ensure all drivers are paying for their share of road use – regardless of the type of vehicle they drive.

The NSW Government is establishing a fair and sustainable road user system, ensuring that all drivers pay for their fair share of road use.

A road user charge of 2.5 cents per km (indexed to CPI) will apply to eligible EVs from 1 July 2027 or when EVs make up 30 per cent of all new vehicle sales, whichever comes first.

Plugin hybrid EVs will be charged a fixed 80 per cent proportion of the full road user charge to reflect their vehicle type. Currently, the average petrol and

diesel passenger vehicle owner pays approximately \$622 a year in fuel excise. Under NSW's new road user system, EV drivers will pay on average \$315 annually.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/initiative/nsw-governments-electric-vehicle-strategy/ev-rebates>

Greater Hume Grant Finder

Do you run a business or are you a member of a community group or a not-for-profit?

Do you have a project that you don't have funds for?

The Greater Hume Grant Finder Portal lists all the grants and funding opportunities available from Australian, NSW and Local Government departments, private individuals and companies.

It is free to use and provides a one stop shop for all your grants and funding opportunity needs.

<https://greaterhume.grantguru.com.au>

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SunSPOT

Do you want to know how much you can save with solar?

What is the best size solar system?

If it's time to get a battery?

The not-for-profit SunSPOT solar calculator has been built by solar engineers at the UNSW for the Australian PV Institute, specifically to help householders, small businesses and farmers understand the possibilities and benefits of solar on rooftops.

Great Greater Hume Council is now mapped and available to ALL ratepayers, in urban and rural areas.

SunSPOT is free and private to use and you won't be getting any solar sales calls afterwards.



SunSPOT is supported by the Australian, NSW governments and is a project of the Australian PV Institute and UNSW Sydney.

In two minutes you can get an estimate of:

1. **your optimal solar system size for the best return on investment**
2. **the cost of the system**
3. **how much the solar system will save you in a year.**

Find a recent bill with your average daily electricity usage in kWh on it, and head to www.sunspot.org.au

Where should the solar panels go on the roof?

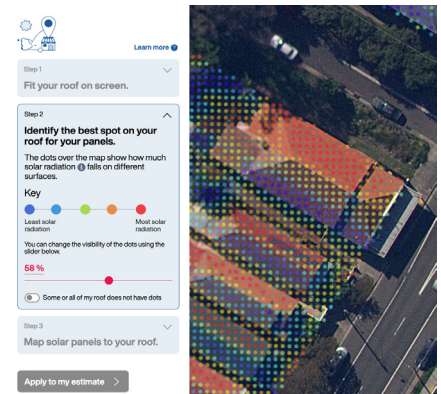
How many panels will fit on the roof?

Will getting a battery increase your savings?

SunSPOT removes the mystery around batteries and costs.

You can test 4 common sizes for the savings they'll could deliver, while also seeing the cost.

www.sunspot.org.au



Circular Economy Business Mapping

The circular economy is a model of production and consumption, which involves sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing and recycling existing materials and products as long as possible.

The Department of Regional NSW (DRNSW) is looking to develop a greater understanding of the Circular Economy across the Riverina Murray Region and to map businesses that see themselves as operating within the circular economy.

If you are a processor, distributor, recycler, collector, retailer or any other business, who operates within the Circular Economy, we would be keen to understand a little about you and the raw and waste materials that flow into and from your business.

Any questions regarding the survey - please email Gerard Van Emmerik at the Department of Regional NSW on gerard.vanemmerik@regional.nsw.gov.au or call 0418 411 612.

This survey will take about 8 minutes to complete.

<https://bit.ly/3O5HwM5> - link to survey

Estimate	Solar system	+Battery	Energy usage	Electricity plan	Learn more
→ Map my roof	\$5,428			Estimated system cost ¹	
→ Battery	<input type="checkbox"/> 6.5 kW <input type="checkbox"/>			System size*	
→ Details	\$445			Annual electricity bill with solar	
→ Savings	\$1,024			Total bill savings (per year) ¹	
	5.3 years			Time to pay back your system	
	7,053 kg			CO ₂ reduction per year (this is 1.3 × average household greenhouse gas emissions from electricity use)	

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NSW Government Support

NSW Government support provided to small businesses in the Greater Hume LGA July 2021 to June 2022.

PROGRAM	VALUE
JobSaver	\$3.4m
2021 Covid Grant	\$2.1m
MicroBusiness Grant	\$466,818
Small Business Fees & Charges	\$290,397
Mouse Control Rebate	\$100,000
Covid-19 Test & Isolate Support	\$92,800
Accommodation Support Grant	\$25,000
2022 Small Business Support	\$15,626
Dine & Discover - Redeemed in LGA	\$133,989
Stay & Discover - Redeemed in LGA	\$58,150
Parents NSW Vouchers - Redeemed in LGA	\$56,750

Source: Service NSW



Did you know?

Residential Sales Jan to March 2022 Qtr

LGA	No of sales	Median	Annual change in median
Albury	291	\$455,000	+19.74%
Wagga	309	\$490,000	+0.225%
Greater Hume	44	\$373,000	+29.99%

Source: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/rent-and-sales/dashboard>

Building Approvals, 2021/2022 Year

LGA	No of new houses	LGA	No of new houses
Greater Hume	87	Albury	413
Federation	69	Wagga Wagga	425

Source: <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/industry/building-and-construction/building-approvals-australia/latest-release>

Children Centres and Family Day Care Services

Greater Hume Children Services has continued to provide much needed child care services through its centre based services at Holbrook, Henty, Culcairn and Walla Walla in addition to the more than 54 Family Day Care educators based across the region from Batlow to Benalla.

Proudly managed by Greater Hume Council.

Enquiries T 1800 954 999

ghchildren.com.au



Greater Hume
**Children
Services**

Land Development in Greater Hume

Jindera Industrial Estate

Currently, Council is progressing towards a new industrial land development at Jindera estate.

New enquiries for industrial land in Greater Hume are welcomed.

Contact Marg Killalea T: 02 6036 0100.

Dedicated gym committee improve facilities with Stronger Country Communities grant

The Holbrook Community Gym is located at the recreation and sporting hub in Holbrook which is home to multiple sports like football, cricket, netball and tennis.

The gym is managed as an incorporated organisation Holbrook Gym Club and is run by a dedicated volunteer committee, which aims to provide a safe and secure facility for the community to train and increase fitness and encourage social inclusion for rural people.

The gym is popular and currently has 190 members, and has member footprint of Holbrook and surrounds and regular users who live in Culcairn.

New members complete a mandatory application form and pay the annual 'user' fee. The annual membership fee is minimal, but is necessary to meet

the overhead costs such as public liability insurance, gym equipment maintenance and cleaning, access tokens and fees payable to the governing body, the Holbrook Sporting Complex organisation.

Recently, the committee applied for \$150,000 grant funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund to enable the installation of two unisex ambulant toilet blocks with showers and new storage room plus provision of external security lighting to enhance safety of users using the gym (especially in winter months or after daylight hours).

The Committee had identified barriers to participation especially for users being that the gym did not have change rooms, toilets and showers, and sought the funding to address these issues, as well as wanting to grow the membership base, especially for females, working people and those with babies/children and attract potential new older users.

The application was supported by 22 letters of support and the results of a community survey which drew 139 responses and 41 positive comments.

The application was successful, and works completed mid-year.

Pam Jones, President of Holbrook Gym Club, said "I want to thank the NSW Government for the funding received, it has made a big improvement to our facility. To have two unisex ambulant toilets and showers, this is something we thought would never happen.

Our members feel safe using the facility with the upgrade in the lighting. Gym membership is growing".



^ Pam Jones, President
Holbrook Gym Club



Welcome to The Hiring List, which captures details of people who are ready and looking for work, and links them to immediate and upcoming jobs.

REGISTER TODAY

UPDATE DETAILS

The Murray Riverina Local Jobs Program is excited to be rolling out a new initiative - 'The Hiring List' - to tackle the critical issue of workforce shortages across the region.

The Hiring List is a program that captures details of people who are looking for work, but who aren't registered with Centrelink or other services - so whom have been 'invisible' to employers up to now.

This includes students who've left school or are about to leave, students and recent graduates of TAFE and pre employment programs, people returning to the workforce after time away, migrants, refugees and others.

www.thehiringlist.com.au

Please contact Angela Rey - Murray Riverina Employment Facilitator M: 0484 826673



^ New unisex change room/shower.

Is your business strong enough to deal with disruptions and emergencies?

Use our Business Health Check service to identify changes you can make to help your business survive and thrive.

This critical review includes a detailed report across a range of areas: your business strengths, customers and competition, profitability, people, business culture, and future needs and risks. We provide a personalised report including an assessment of your current business situation, recommended next steps and links to support and resources to help your business flourish.

The Business Health Check is developed and provided at no cost to you. Interested? For further information contact your local NSW Government Business Connect Advisor, Kevin Bascomb.

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^ Kevin Bascomb



^ At Holbrook Gym Club reception, Kate Willis personal trainer, and frequent gym user.

Buy Local in Greater Hume



Greater Hume Councillors



^ Back Row: Cr Jenny O'Neill, Cr Doug Meyer OAM, Cr Ashley Lindner, Cr Lea Parker.
Front Row: Cr Matt Hicks, Cr Heather Wilton, Cr Tony Quinn, Cr Annette Schilg, Cr Ian Forrest.

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Director Identification Number (director ID)

All directors of companies, registered foreign companies, or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations must apply for a director identification number (director ID).

A director ID is a unique identifier you will keep forever. It will help prevent the use of false or fraudulent director identities.

A director ID is a 15-digit identifier given to a director (or someone who intends to become a director) who has verified their identity with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Director ID will increase transparency, help regulators track director relationships with companies, strengthen efforts to identify and eliminate director involvement in unlawful behaviours and help foster a fairer business environment for all. When a director needs to apply depends on when they were appointed, and under which Act.

If appointed under the Corporations Act 2001 before or on 31 October 2021, directors must apply by 30 November 2022

Director ID's are managed by the Australian Business Registry Services, a new service that will streamline how you register, view and maintain your business information with government.

abrs.gov.au/director-identification-number



Get the latest community and economic stats

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

REMPPLAN Community delivers comprehensive insights into the unique demographic characteristics of the Greater Hume area.

REMPPLAN Economy is our local economy at a glance. Get headline stats on local population, employment, output, tourism and gross regional product (GRP).

To view the profiles google **remplan greater hume**

Digital Solutions for Small Business

The Australian Small Business Advisory Services program aims to provide services that help small businesses to make the most of digital tools and offers broader advice specific to their business needs.

Services are offered one-on-one to provide tailored support or through group workshops or webinars, which can be accessed in the following areas:

- Websites and selling online
- Social media and digital marketing
- Using small business software
- Online security and data privacy
- How digital tools can help their small business

The program costs \$44 for seven hours – 3 hrs of one on one digital business advice and 4 hours of webinars. Available until 31 March 2023.

Who Can Apply?

Eligible applicants include small businesses that must have 20 or less full time equivalent employees.

Sole traders can also access services.

<https://enterpriseplus.org.au/digital-solutions>

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Service NSW for Business

Service NSW for Business offers **personalised support** to small business owners as they start, run and grow their businesses, and as they adapt and recover.

Contact NSW Business Concierge Natalie Bartlett for free, step-by-step guidance over the phone and via email. M 0448 307 220

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^ Service NSW Business Concierge - Natalie Bartlett

SunSPOT

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