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## Economic Development Newsletter

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### Business Industry E-Newsletter Summary

Welcome to the February edition of the Business and Industry E-Newsletter. This newsletter pulls together the latest updates, resources, funding and opportunities for Macleay Valley businesses into one central place.

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### Summary

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## COVID-19 Support and International Visitor Update

### NSW Government Business Support Packages

The NSW Government has announced new programs, grants and rebates to support business recovery in NSW, including:

- a new [2022 Small Business Support Program](#)
- expanded [small business fees and charges rebates](#)
- extending the [Commercial Landlord Hardship grant](#)
- extending the [NSW Performing Arts Relaunch Package](#)

Business owners can search for other government initiatives, grants or funding programs to support a business, project or community as follows:

- [Find grants, loans and funding](#) on Service NSW or
- Use the [cost of living savings finder](#) to find more savings relevant to you.

### International Tourists to be welcomed back to Australia

The Federal Government announced on Monday 7th February 2022 that from 21st of February 2022 all fully vaccinated visa holders can travel to Australia without a travel exemption. Unvaccinated visa holders will still need a valid travel exemption to enter Australia.

For further information [click here](#)

# Small Business Month



1 - 31 March 2022



### **Council events this Small Business Month - March 2022!**

Join other local Macleay Valley Businesses this March as part of Small Business Month celebrations! Council will be running two events during Small Business Month, details below;

#### **Would you like to win council work?**

This workshop is designed to help small businesses win more council work. Come along to learn about local government procurement and how you can put your business in a winning position.

**Date:** Tuesday 15 March, 2022

**Time:** 5:30-6:30pm

**Venue:** Kempsey Shire Council

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** [Eventbrite](#)

#### **Help your business weather the next natural disaster with futurist Gus Balbontin**

Wouldn't it be nice if you had the ability to disaster-proof your business? According to some experts, it just might be possible.

**Date:** Wednesday 30 March, 2022

**Time:** 6-8pm

**Venue:** Bucket Brewery

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** [Eventbrite](#)

### **Small Business Month Festival - Other Macleay Valley Events**

There will be a range of events including workshops, networking and online webinars running across the Macleay as part of Small Business Month, we have handpicked some below:

#### **International Women's Day, Art & Networking with guest speaker CI Kerri**

**Riddington:** Thursday 10th March, 2022. Starting at 4:30pm.

Booking details to be released shortly [here](#)

**Apps to simplify your business:** Tuesday 22nd March, 2022. 10-11:30am.

Register on [Eventbrite](#)

**Macleay Valley Chamber of Commerce Networking Event:** Wednesday  
23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2022.

Details to be launched shortly, [click here](#) further information

**Secrets to writing successful grant applications for Not for Profits:** Tuesday  
29<sup>th</sup> March, 2022. Free.

Register on [Eventbrite](#)

Visit Small Business Month for a full suite of events statewide: [Upcoming Activities – NSW Small Business Month | 1 – 31 March 2022](#)



### **Grants and Funding**

**JobTrainer:** Eligibility has been extended to give broader access to fee-free training, for people who want to learn new skills anywhere in NSW. Under NSW JobTrainer, you may be able to study a fee-free course if you are:

- a job seeker (you are a job seeker if you are out-of-work and/or receive income support payments or are expected to become unemployed)
- a NSW Veteran or their recognised partner or spouse

- **wanting to study, upskill or reskill in courses in aged care, disability care, childcare, digital skills or training and assessment (regardless of age, employment status or current employment sector).**

**Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships (RRES)**: More than 1000 eligible students from regional and remote Australia will have access to a scholarship worth up to \$18,000 to support their tertiary education in 2022.

**Career Revive Program**: Does your business need help making cultural changes to better recruit and retain women seeking to return to work after a career break? There is support available through the Career Revive program. Applications are open until 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**Regional Job Creation Fund**: Round Two is now open, with a further \$40 million in co-funding available for eligible projects. Individual grants range from \$100,000 to \$5 million to support businesses in regional NSW to grow and encourage interstate or overseas businesses to invest in regional NSW.

**Remanufacture NSW**: The program provides co-funding for waste and recycling infrastructure to support industry to respond to Australia's waste export ban. Round Two offers funding to support the NSW resource recovery sectors response to changes brought about by the decision to ban the export of unbeneficiated waste plastic, paper and tyres.



**Calling all Businesses looking to supply for the Macleay Valley Business Awards**

The Macleay Valley Business Chamber is seeking Expressions of Interest from local businesses to provide services for the 2022 Macleay Valley Business Awards Gala Dinner to be held on Saturday 25th June 2022.

Submissions are open for the Awards Venue, Event Styling, Photography and Entertainment.

For further information [click here](#).

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