

## CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Congratulations to Jamie Chaffey and Ann Luke on their appointment as Mayor and Councilor in the recent council elections. Both have contributed significantly to the success of the Gunnedah Chamber over the past couple of years. Their contributions will be sorely missed but we wish them both every success in their future endeavors continuing to work hard for the business community. Michael Broekman from Namoi Valley Bricks takes the reigns in the position of President. He has many years experience as a committee member and previous president of the Chamber.

"My vision for Gunnedah includes a prosperous and vibrant business sector and local economy, and I look forward to continuing to strengthen the relationship that already exists between the Gunnedah Shire Council and the Chamber of commerce and its membership"  
JAMIE CHAFFEY

"having worked in and with the business community of Gunnedah for 20 years, this move is long overdue. I hope that increased business representation on Council will lead to great enhanced opportunities for the current and future businesses as well as for the community as a whole"  
ANN LUKE

## New England North West Business Awards

The Gunnedah Chamber of Commerce proudly collected first prize at the New England North West Business Awards held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. One of 4 finalists including the Tamworth Chamber of commerce who have won Regional Winner – Local Chamber of Commerce four years in a row it was a spectacular result for our Chamber and Gunnedah. The result of dedication and hard work from our committee and working groups with our ongoing quarterly events including the Business and Service Awards, Try a Trade, The Spirit of Christmas Fair, a Tourism gala proposed for early next year as well as the many smaller events showcased throughout the year.



## TRY - A – TRADE

Gunnedah Chamber of Commerce with TAFE New England will be holding a Try a Trade workshop on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 8.00am at the Gunnedah TAFE Campus. Aimed at providing a hands on experience with various skills for students in years 10-12 as well as those accessing employment agencies, TAFE will provide information to the students and their parents on trainee and apprenticeships and local businesses are invited to promote their own industries and provide advice to students on career opportunities and training requirements. If you have can assist in demonstrating any of the trades outlined below please contact Mike Broekman on 0408810968 or Alysha White at [admin@gunnedah.org.au](mailto:admin@gunnedah.org.au) for more information.



**TRY-A-TRADE**  
**SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER**

WHERE: TAFE New England Gunnedah Campus on the grassed area in front of B Block  
TIME: 8.00am start ENTRY: Free

### SKILLS ON OFFER:

**AEROSKILLS**  
Including confined spaces unit  
**ENGINEERING**  
mobile MIG welding unit, including 6 welding bays  
**AUTOMOTIVE/MECHANICAL**  
working on a vehicle  
**ELECTROTECHNOLOGY**  
**CONSTRUCTION / BUILDING**  
**HOSPITALITY**  
**BEAUTY / HAIRDRESSING**  
**GRAPHIC DESIGN**  
**BUSINESS**  
**NURSING / AGED CARE / CHILD CARE**

Years 10 - 12 students and their parents as well as those accessing the services of local employment agencies can come along and try various trades and meet with local business representatives to discuss career options.

Registration Forms available from TAFE front office (off Hunter St), [gunnedah.org.au](http://gunnedah.org.au) and by contacting the Chamber of Commerce on 0409 145 921 or via email [admin@gunnedah.org.au](mailto:admin@gunnedah.org.au)

Rotary will be providing a bbq. Each registered student will be given a meal and drink coupon to use as part of their registration.



## SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS FAIR

Set for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 we are excited about creating a fabulous event for Gunnedah to celebrate our community and festive spirit. We would like feedback from the community as to how we can showcase this event best and look forward to ideas and involvement as we begin the planning stage. If you would like to be involved in our working group or have ideas to create a great night please contact Alysha at [admin@gunnedah.org.au](mailto:admin@gunnedah.org.au) or by phone on 0409145921. All ideas welcome.

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