

Hello Chamber members!

August can be a busy month for many - with the influx of visitors for the Annual AgQuip Field days. It does make our town humm.

This year Gunnedah Shire hare partnering with Service NSW Easy to do Business Program to hold night markets during Ag-Quip. More details below about this great initiative which hopefully will bring a boost in sales and interest in the CBD area of Gunnedah.

So...take a load off your feet, grab a cuppa and take a read of your latest Chamber news.

For further updates and extra news in between our newsletters like our [Facebook page](#)

CHAMBER CONNECT

Our monthly networking meet-up is on
Thursday August 8th, from 5.30PM

at the Gunnedah Hotel opposite the Post Office.

If you would like to be our guest pitch this month
send an email to chamber@gunnedah.org.au.
We would love to have you!

Last month we are we welcomed Treena Daniells, from Ery Melrose Accounting firm who shared with the crowd her fabulous knowledge on Single Touch Payroll. With a wide range of clients, Treena has found some tips and tricks and has learnt a few lessons which she was happy to share - *to make your life easier*. Renee Williams also made a pitch - Renee is currently launching her new business Business in Alignment and told us about what services she offers in HR management - making sure your business is HR compliant and training in HR policies as well as a Conscious Wellness Coach and Reiki Practitioner.

The Chamber hosts these events to provide an opportunity for local businesses to meet, share and provide support to each other. You never know who you might meet there and we know that there has been some ongoing business created from previous events.

If you would like to pitch you and/or your business drop us a note.
We are keen to even have our Connect meet-ups at your business if you would like to host one of regular monthly events.

You will receive at least one drink 'on the house' and nibbles will be provided.

Come along, we would love to see you there.

NightQuip - Night Markets. GET READY!

What a perfect opportunity for locals to interact with 100,000 visitors

Tuesday August 20th on the footpaths of Conadilly St Gunnedah, from 5pm

The NightQuip Night Market is an initiative of Gunnedah Shire Council in partnership with the Service NSW Easy to do Business Program.

The Chamber will have a stand on the night, pop in and say hello - or if you have information you would like to make available on the stand let us know.

If you would still like a stall on the night - you have until August 6th to put in an EOI. Head to the [Stallholder Application Form on the Shire's website](#).

Contact Gunnedah Shire Council for more information on 6740 2100.

Hay and Harvest Festival

- would you like to be part of the working group?

Gunnedah Shire Council and the Gunnedah Jockey Club have been successful in receiving funding to host a Hay and Harvest Festival in early 2020.

The Chamber have been invited to nominate a member to be part of this working group to help deliver the Festival.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN REPRESENTING THE CHAMBER ON THIS WORKING GROUP?

If so, send an [email to the Secretary](#) by August 19th.

The Working Group will meet on a bimonthly basis until the event is delivered and will consist of the following representatives:

- 2 x Elected Representatives (Councillor Ann Luke and Councillor Colleen Fuller)
- 2 x members Gunnedah Jockey Club
- **1 x member from Gunnedah and District Chamber of Commerce**
- 3 x Community Representatives
- 3 x Council Staff Representatives including:
 - Manager Economic Development
 - Economic Development Officer
 - Tourism Supervisor

This Festival is a unique and logical opportunity to establish and grow an event that would become a financially sustainable, high quality food festival and a destination of choice on the regional event calendar.

2019 Business Awards

Just a quick reminder to local businesses that we will not be hosting a Gunnedah and District business award this year. We have made the decision to hold these bi-annually.

You can still enter the Regional Awards.

Chamber members are keen and willing to help you with this. Drop us note at: chamber@gunnedah.org.au.

[Key dates and details here](#) – entries close 12th August.

FUNDING FINDER - GRANT GURU

We all know how time consuming and sometimes frustrating it is to find what grants are currently available.

Gunnedah Shire has joined forces with Australia's most powerful grant search engine, Grant Guru, to deliver a free one-stop-shop website for business and community grants.

Gunnedah Shire *Funding Finder* aims to take the guesswork out of searching for grants and help groups and businesses navigate the process, by bringing over 845 grants worth \$47.3B to one central location.

Check out more details on the [Gunnedah Shire Website](#), including registration for email alerts.

Invitation to participate in a study of the long-term economic benefits of Inland Rail: Northern NSW Corridor

The Chamber received this invitation to circulate to members:

To better understand the long-term regional benefits of Inland Rail, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development (the Department) has engaged Ernst & Young (EY) to carry out an in-depth study to identify the potential economic opportunities for regional Australia resulting from the operation of Inland Rail.

EY will facilitate a series of consultation forums with government and business representatives to explore, test and refine our emerging research findings, and to further understand region specific factors.

The objectives of the consultation forums are to:

- discuss the opportunities for businesses associated with Inland Rail and the role of Inland Rail in supporting the long-term economic prosperity of regions
- seek your views on our emerging research findings in relation to possible changes in business activity and investments in response to Inland Rail.

The consultation forums will provide an opportunity for you to share your views on the potential prospects for your region stemming from Inland Rail. We greatly appreciate your contribution to this important study.

Outputs from the consultations will be used to understand the range and scale of possible business activity enlivened by Inland Rail. The estimated/forecasted investments associated with the operation of Inland Rail will form the basis of economic modelling that aims to estimate the economic contribution flowing to regions once Inland Rail is in operation.

We invite you to attend the Narrabri Forum on 8 August 2019.

[To register for the Narrabri event and find out further information, please visit Eventbrite](#)