

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Gunnedah Chamber of Commerce and Industry Annual General Meeting is scheduled for

Tuesday September 17th, 6.00 PM

at the Gunnedah Hotel opposite the Post Office.

All positions will be declared vacant and elections as per the Chamber's constitution will take place.

- Office Bearer positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected, as well as the Committee for the forthcoming year.
- Subcommittees will be formed or continued and representatives of these subcommittees will be called and elected at the AGM
- Chamber members will also be nominated and agreed to represent the Chamber on various Gunnedah working and advisory groups.

Nomination forms will be available via the Chamber website or by contacting the Chamber at admin@gunnedah.org.au

CHAMBER CONNECT

Our monthly networking meet-up is on
Thursday September 12th, 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!

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.

Multicultural Gunnedah

On August 25th Gunnedah residents were invited to a discussion on the potential of establishing a Multicultural Gunnedah.

Members of Multicultural Tamworth presented a perspective on how they have supported and assisted a wide range of new residents in the Tamworth area.

Fun fact: there are over 87 nationalities in Tamworth! *How many do we have in Gunnedah?*

The general consensus from the meeting was that YES we should investigate further. Being open to welcome and assist people from across the globe can provide many benefits to a community such as ours. From a business perspective this includes filling employment and skills gaps as well as new ideas that drives innovation.

If you want to be part of the formation of **Multicultural Gunnedah** contact Gunnedah Shire Council requesting to be part of circulation list to keep up to date about steps to form a team to lead the formation.

DIGITAL BOOTCAMP IS BACK!

Attendees at last years training highly recommend taking the time to attend.

This course is fantastic value - where you will learn about becoming (or refining!) your small business digital business, customer personas and tips on how you can target your customers effectively, design thinking and lean start up and growth hacking for small business.

The Chamber has once again partnered with Netstripes to bring this fabulous learning to you.

Two days October 17th (1 PM - 6.30 PM) & OCTOBER 18th (8AM - 1.30PM) 2019

More details in the flyer [HERE](#)

Numbers are limited, register your interest early.

Chamber members attending will receive a refund of \$44 after the event.

Gunnedah Shire Business Partner Program - latest round is now open

Gunnedah Shire Council is calling for nominations from businesses that could benefit from the latest round of funding for the Business Partner Program.

Gunnedah Shire Council Economic Development Officer Emily Wilson said the Business Partner Program had assisted more than 60 local businesses with in excess of \$200,000 in funding since the program began.

“This is a great chance for Gunnedah Shire businesses to get a helping hand for business expansion or new initiatives during this difficult time,” Ms Wilson said.

“All sorts of small business projects, such as website upgrades, business planning and new directions for established businesses have benefited from the Business Partner Program.”

The latest round of the program is now open, with applications closing on October 31.

If you would like some advice about how to put together your application, you can make an appointment with Emily Wilson by calling 6740 2100 or emailing council@infogunnedah.com.au

Applications are assessed by a panel and funding is recommended based on estimated economic or employment benefit to the Gunnedah Shire community.

Business Partner Program guidelines and application forms are available online at www.gunnedah.nsw.gov.au

CALLING ALL BUSINESSES - TAFE WANTS TO KNOW...

Gunnedah TAFE is currently forward planning their courses for 2020 and beyond. They are asking for input into what pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship courses they could consider developing to meet the needs of Gunnedah and district businesses.

This is not just trades such as automotive, electrician, plumbing - its also hairdressing, aged care....and any others that can meet your skill gaps.

If you have any thoughts please email [Ashleigh](mailto:Ashleigh@GunnedahTAFE) at Gunnedah TAFE.

