

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY



Celebrating excellence at the Macleay Valley Business Awards

Congratulations to the Macleay Valley Business Chamber, Awards Committee, finalists and winners at the Macleay Valley Business Awards, held on Saturday 22 June at the South West Rocks Country Club.

The event highlighted the region's thriving entrepreneurial spirit, celebrating the remarkable achievements and innovations of businesses in the Macleay Valley.

[See the winners](#)



New workplace laws

Changes for businesses are coming and it's important for you and your business that you are aware of them.

These include the following:

- National Minimum Wage increase starting on or after 1 July 2024.
- Super guarantee rate increase starting on or after 1 July 2024.
- Use, supply and manufacture of engineered stone banned from 1 July 2024.
- Multiple changes to casual employment laws from 26 August 2024.
- Eligible employees' right to disconnect from 26 August 2024 for non-small business employers and 26 August 2025 for small business employers.
- And more.

[Learn more about the new workplace laws](#)

Connect with your local business chamber

[Macleay Valley Business Chamber](#)

[South West Rocks Chamber of Commerce](#)



Continued moratorium on outdoor dining fees

At the June meeting, Councillors extended the moratorium on outdoor dining fees, allowing businesses to apply for and conduct outdoor dining without paying any fees.

However, businesses must still apply and receive approval through the NSW Planning Portal for outdoor dining to be permitted.

[Find out more or apply](#)



3G network shutdown

On 31 August, Telstra's 3G network will shut down for good. Optus's will close from 1 September. TPG Telecom/Vodafone switched theirs off in January.

The 3G shutdown affects more than just phones.

Some EFTPOS machines, medical alarms, personal emergency response devices, smartwatches and tablets will need replacing too.

[Check your devices](#)



NORTEC Business Connect Events

NORTEC Business Connect hosts several events, both online and in person, designed to help you and your business.

[Check out what's coming up](#)

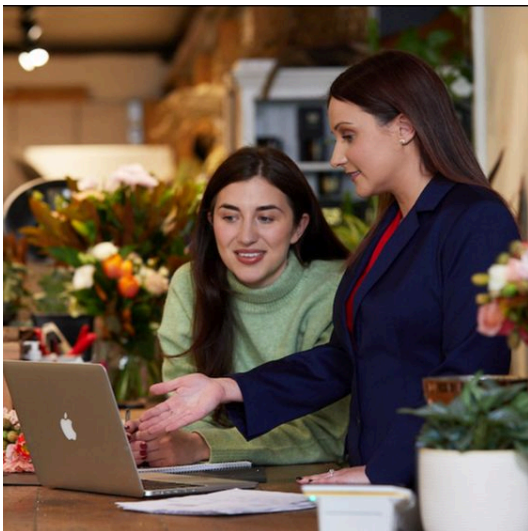
Hospitality Concierge is here to help

The Hospitality Concierge is a new 'one-stop shop' for hospitality businesses.

It provides information about the new liquor licence reforms, helps your business benefit from initiatives that reduce red tape and offers a range of government support.



[Find out more or book in](#)

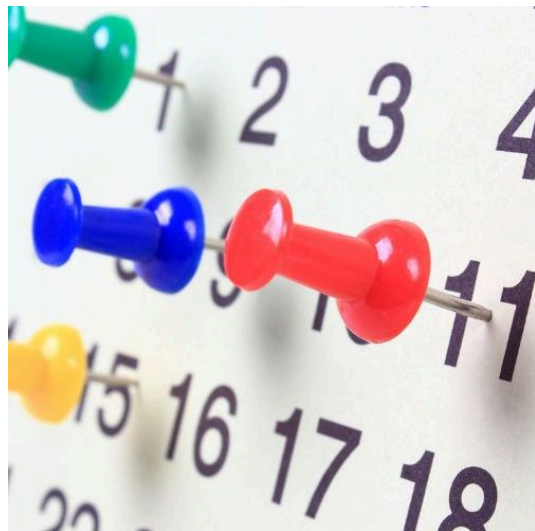
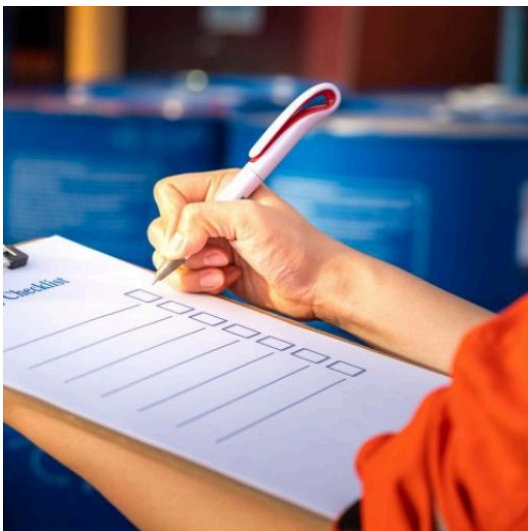


NSW Budget

The NSW Budget announced in June includes the continuation of the [Service NSW Business Concierge](#), a free service dedicated to assisting every business stage.

Workforce development also receives a boost with the ongoing fully subsidised training for trainees and apprentices, and more.

[Find out what the budget means for businesses](#)



Important financial dates

End of financial year checklist

The end of the financial year is a crucial period for your business.

It's time to complete bookkeeping, file tax returns and plan for the upcoming financial year.

[Prepare and organise with this handy checklist](#)

Stay ahead of due dates to prevent any surprises.

Keep track of when your tax returns, business activity statements (BAS), and other common payments are due.

[Find out more and stay on top of key dates](#)

Opportunities update

Macleay Grant Hub

Macleay Grant Hub is a free resource available to all local businesses, community groups, not-for-profits, and individuals. This site provides a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities available to you.

Register to receive email alerts for new grants, save your favourites and access tips to help you apply for grants. [Sign up here](#)

Grants and programs

Your business could be eligible for financial and resource assistance. Keep an eye on [Grants and programs](#)

If you have any questions, please contact our Economic Development Team at business@kempsey.nsw.gov.au



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