

# BUSINESS & INDUSTRY



## Streamline your Daily Operations with Artificial Intelligence

Join NORTEC Business Connect for a workshop in Kempsey and discover how AI strategies can help your business save time and money.

In this interactive workshop, small business owners who are new to AI will gain valuable knowledge and confidence in leveraging AI to streamline daily operations and enhance customer interactions.

### Event Details:

Date: Wednesday 23rd October

Time: 5:45pm – 8:45pm

Location: Kempsey-Macleay RSL Club

Catering will be provided.

This NORTEC event is part of Small Business Month and is presented in partnership with the Macleay Valley Business Chamber and Kempsey Shire Council.

[Register now to secure your spot!](#)



## More Business Support Events to Come

Check out additional in-person business support events happening soon.

### South West Rocks Event

Wednesday 23 October

9:30am – 12:30pm

Practical AI strategies for small business

Seabreeze Beach Hotel

Booking link: [Business Connect](#) | [Service NSW](#)

### Kempsey Events

Wednesday 6 November

9:30am – 12:30pm

Digital tools for small business

Country University Centre, Macleay Valley

Booking link: [Business Connect](#) | [Service NSW](#)

Wednesday 27 November

9:30am – 12:30pm

Exploring social media for small business

Slim Dusty Centre

Booking link: [Business Connect](#) | [Service NSW](#)

[Find out more or register for an online workshop](#)





## Join the Macleay Valley Business Chamber

Connect with like-minded business owners dedicated to enhancing the local business landscape.

Whether you need business advice, valuable connections, referrals, or just a sounding board, they're here to support you.

[Join the chamber today](#)



## Have your say on *NSW Plastics: The Way Forward*

The NSW Government is seeking feedback on a strategic document to reduce the harm caused by single-use plastic, unnecessary and problematic plastics.

These proposed changes will affect businesses, making it crucial for you to stay informed and share your views. Your input will help shape policies addressing

## single-use plastics in NSW

## Have your say on NSW Plastics

**Reminder: Eastern Smith Street Footpath Upgrade**

Council is planning the upgrade of the eastern side of the Smith Street footpath. This will follow a similar schedule to the western side, with work taking place on weekends to minimise disruption to businesses, starting **after the Spring School Holidays in late October**.

Council apologises for any inconvenience this project may cause. The upgrade is fully grant-funded.

## Find out more

**Thinking about Taking your Business Global?**

Investment NSW provides free support to small and medium enterprises looking to expand into new international markets, including those in the wine, food and beverage, health, and creative industries.



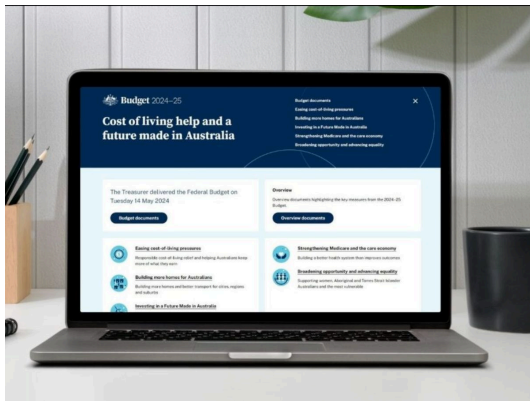
[Learn more](#)

## Kempsey Wins at Mid North Coast Business Awards

Three local businesses earned the top spot in their respective categories, while two others received highly commended recognition, affirming Kempsey's place as a hub of excellence and innovation.



[Learn more](#)



## Fee Increases from 1 October

Do you have a website that ends in just .au? If you do, you may be affected by the wholesale price increase for .au domains.

[Find out more](#)



## Personal Devices a Backdoor to Business

Do you or your employees use personal devices to log in to business accounts? Personal devices are a common target of cybercriminals trying to access your network.

[Learn more](#)

## Opportunities update

Free mental health training and coaching

Get practical tools to talk about and support mental health in your workplace. NSW Government is offering free training the eligible businesses, which will be delivered by experts from the Back Dog Institute. [Register here](#)

### **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](#)

### **\$1,000 SafeWork small business rebate**

If you are a small business owner in NSW, this \$1,000 rebate will help you purchase safety items to improve work health and safety for you and your workers. [Learn more](#)



**Connect with your Local Business Chamber**

[South West Rocks Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Macleay Valley Business Women's Network](#)

If you have any questions, please contact our Economic Development Team at [business@kempsey.nsw.gov.au](mailto:business@kempsey.nsw.gov.au)



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