

## CHAMBER CHATTER

JUNE 2011

### *Youth Survey (12-25 year olds) - Muswellbrook Shire Council*

You may all by now be aware of the online survey we are asking Muswellbrook Shire residents aged between 12 and 25 to take part in.

I would like your help in promoting this survey through Facebook or Twitter.

If you have a Facebook or Twitter account it would be much appreciated if you could share the link below and encourage your friends to LIKE it (or the Twitter equivalent) and it will be interesting to see just how many people are made aware of this survey through this form of media.

Please help to tell as many Muswellbrook Shire residents aged between 12 and 25 about this survey.

**Please share this link:**

<http://www.muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au/Residents/902-expire030611.htm>

You could write something like this on your wall:

*"here's a survey for Muswellbrook Shire residents aged 12-15 to take part in"*

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Fiona McBurney  
Website Development Officer  
Muswellbrook Shire Council  
Direct: 02 6549 3721

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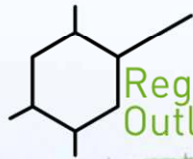
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Australian Government  
Australian Bureau of Agricultural and  
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Regional  
Outlook 2011



## Muswellbrook New South Wales

8 June 2011

Muswellbrook & District Workers Club  
15-17 Sydney Street  
Muswellbrook

Presented by



Science and economics for decision-makers

Full details and  
registration  
form attached  
to this  
newsletter

a new perspective on your region...



### Registration

Registration fee \$88 (including GST) includes:

- entrance to the conference
- current issue of *Australian commodities*
- copies of available papers
- morning and afternoon tea and lunch

### Inquiries

**Michelle Burke**

P: 02 6272 3051 or 6272 2303

F: 02 6272 2346

E: [conferences@abares.gov.au](mailto:conferences@abares.gov.au)

Please pass this brochure to a colleague who  
may also be interested in attending.

View program updates at [abares.gov.au/regional](http://abares.gov.au/regional)

# Muswellbrook 8 June 2011

8.30 am | Registration  
Welcome to Country

## Global economy – local impacts

Chair | **David Cloughton**  
ABC Rural

9.00 am | Opening address

9.30 am | **Paul Morris**  
ABARES  
*National and international issues affecting the region*

9.50 am | **Barry Hanstrum**  
Bureau of Meteorology  
*Weather and climate – looking forward, looking back*

10.10 am | Panel discussion

10.30 am | Morning tea

## Toward a more productive agriculture

Chair | **Todd Andrews**  
Department of Primary Industries

11.00 am | **Vince O'Donnell**  
ABARES  
*Commodity outlook and farm performance*

11.20 am | **Sarah Crowe**  
Bimbadgen Wines  
*Satisfying changing tastes in a competitive market*

11.40 am | **Jared Doyle**  
Producer, Nundle  
*Facing the challenges to improve productivity and profitability*

12.00 pm | Panel discussion

12.30 pm | Lunch

## Operating in a changing environment

Chair | **Jo McKiernan**  
Office of Environment and Heritage

1.30 pm | **Peter White**  
Belltrees  
*Working with the environment on farm*

1.50 pm | **Simon Lott**  
EnviroAg  
*Sharing the resources*

2.10 pm | **Dee Murdoch**  
AECOM Australia Pty Ltd  
*Changing face of post mining land use*

2.30 pm | Panel discussion

3.00 pm | Afternoon tea

## Developing business opportunities in the region

Chair | **Steve McDonald**  
Muswellbrook Shire Council

3.30 pm | **Scott Leis**  
Westpac  
*A banker's perspective on rural finances*

3.50 pm | **Robbie Sefton**  
Sefton and Associates  
*Thinking beyond borders – operating a business in regional Australia*

4.10 pm | **Stewart Scott**  
Farmers Barn  
*Strategies to survive in regional business*

4.30 pm | Panel discussion

5.00 pm | Conference close

Note: program may change in the event of unforeseen circumstances.




# "FLOOR IT"

*Fundraiser in aid of Muswellbrook  
PCYC's Boxing Shed Floor*

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
Railway Hotel Muswellbrook  
Starting 4.30pm

*Featuring Local Bands*

**KYDA ROCK  
&  
DRIVER**

**ENTRY - \$20 DONATION  
INCLUDES SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

**Tickets Available from the PCYC  
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**We Are Currently Making Arrangements For  
A Return Bus From Denman**

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## Chamber Breakfasts

7 June 2011	AGL—guest speaker Mike Moraza to speak impact of privatization of energy sector and gas exploration. Muswellbrook & District Workers' Club, 7.00 am
5 July	Sanjiv Parmar, Humanomics—on pre-employment testing and risk management
2 August	Launch of Carnivale featuring Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music
6 September	Coal & Allied
4 October	<b>2012 is the Year of the Farmer</b> , so our focus for this breakfast will be the agriculture sector. This breakfast will be held at Hunter Belle Cafe
1 November	Mangoola Coal Update—Muswellbrook Workers' Club, followed by mine site tour.
6 December	Hunter Mutual

## ***Business Skills for today and tomorrow***

Understanding how sustainability affects your business and your client's business has never been more important.

Hunter TAFE, in partnership with State Training Services, provides a suite of plain English training programs in sustainability and sustainable business practices.

The Green Skills learning pathway is a comprehensive and flexible range of courses designed for people and business. From short courses in carbon accounting and energy efficiencies through to accredited courses in sustainability the courses include skills, knowledge and practical solutions in greenhouse gas, the concept of carbon accounting and plans for improving your triple bottom line.

Enrol in courses today

<http://www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au/EMPLOYERSERVICES/GREENSKILLSUSTAINABILITY/Pages/default.asp>



## **University Business Management qualifications in just six months!**

***Enrolments open now for courses commencing July 2011  
in Newcastle and the Hunter – finish before Christmas!***

- ◀ Turn your management experience into a nationally recognised University qualification in just six months

The Advanced Diploma of Management from the University of Ballarat features:

- > Small class sizes
- > High level of interactivity
- > Board room style delivery
- > Nationally recognised University qualification
- > 10 full day workshops over six months (two weeks apart)
- > Formal University graduation ceremony in Newcastle
- > Over 550 Hunter business managers and owners have completed the course.

Individual and corporate enquiries welcome  
**Contact >> Greg Mowbray 0411 301 166**  
 or visit [www.infinicorp.com.au/courses](http://www.infinicorp.com.au/courses)



**Did you know?**

**At your first donation you'll be giving whole blood. After that you could choose to give just plasma or platelets. Why not ask about this type of donation when you visit the centre?**



Diagnosed with a blood disorder, Alexandra relied on blood products as part of her treatment.

One in three Australians will need blood, but currently only 1 in 30 donate.

So please put a smile on someone's face by giving blood at

**MUSWELLBROOK PCYC (200 donors required)**

- Monday—13 June 1.30-6.30 pm
- Tuesday—14 June 9.00 am-3.00 pm
- Wednesday—15 June 1.30-6.30 pm
- Thursday—16 June 9.00 am-3.00 pm

**Call 13 14 95 to make appointment**

**SCONE**  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
**RESOURCE**  
CENTRE INC.

130 Liverpool Street  
Scone NSW 2337  
**6545 2562**

Information & Referral  
Computer Training  
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## Free workshop – June 17

A knowledgeable and skilled committee of management is crucial to the success of a community organisation

This workshop will teach you:

- To come to grips with your financial and legal obligations
- Getting the nuts and bolts right for a successful committee
- Troubleshooting to improve your committee
- Finding free resources to help community groups

*Where: Scone Neighbourhood Centre*

*When: Friday 17 June 10:00am to 3:00 pm*

For bookings contact Scone Neighbourhood Centre on 65452562

This workshop is a Virtual Shed sponsored activity

## What's on! @ your Library

### June 2011



Displays

**Muswellbrook:** *State Library: Celebrating 100 Years of the Mitchell Library*  
(David Scott Mitchell)

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Muswellbrook:</b> Baby Rhyme Time 0-2yrs Pre-schooler Story	10.15am 11.00am
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Muswellbrook:</b> Book Club Meeting	6.00pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Muswellbrook:</b> Baby Rhyme Time 0-2yrs Pre-schooler Story Time 3-5yrs	10.15am 11.00am
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Muswellbrook:</b> Anime Manga Club meeting	6.00pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Muswellbrook:</b> Baby Rhyme Time 0-2yrs Pre-schooler Story Time 3-5yrs	10.15am 11.00am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Muswellbrook:</b> Baby Rhyme Time 0-2yrs Pre-schooler Story Time 3-5yrs	10.15am 11.00am
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Muswellbrook:</b> Baby Rhyme Time 0-2yrs Pre-schooler Story Time 3-5yrs	10.15am 11.00am



## Fun Time @ your Library



For more information please contact your local Branch Library

[www.uhrl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.uhrl.nsw.gov.au)

**Muswellbrook**

6543 1913

**Denman**

6547 2208

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For further details, please contact:  
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### **Joblink Plus team Wins at the Muswellbrook Business Awards**

The team at Joblink Plus Muswellbrook achieved a fantastic accolade recently when they were awarded Winners of the Community Group Not for Profit category at the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry - Business Awards held at the Muswellbrook RSL on the 30<sup>TH</sup> April.

This is a considerable feat taking in to account the fact that this site has only been open for 2 years.

Jo-Anne Wilson, Manager of the Muswellbrook branch of Joblink Plus accepted the award in front of a capacity 260 crowd and said "It was particularly rewarding for the hard work and effort that her team continually strive to provide. The Joblink Plus Muswellbrook team really do go the extra mile, from providing support letters to organisations in order to help jobseekers regain licenses and qualifications, to subsidising course costs, clothing requirements and supporting jobseekers to overcome personal barriers."

"In addition to thanking her team for their fantastic efforts, Jo-Anne also added that "The relationship between Joblink Plus and the jobseeker does not end after they have been placed into employment or finish a course. We also provide ongoing mentoring and support to ensure a smooth transition for both employer and employee. Initiatives such as incentives are also put in place to ensure job seekers find work and are given every opportunity during the critical, early stages of employment and learning."

This team ethic no doubt helped the Muswellbrook Team take out this prestigious award.

Joblink Plus CEO Chris Sheppard has congratulated their latest achievement, stating; *"This award is acknowledgement for a Team that has gone above and beyond their normal duties and reaped the rewards as a result."*

Joblink Plus Ltd is a not-for-profit registered charity. We provide employment services,  
support and training to the community with a particular focus on disadvantaged groups.  
We are part of the Australian Government initiative, Job Services Australia,  
dedicated to helping people find and keep a job.

**Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service**  
**Black Coal Cup**  
**Charity Golf Day**  
**Muswellbrook Golf Club**  
 Bell Street Muswellbrook  
**tuesday 06**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
**2011**

**\$35**  
 entry fee  
 per person

*18 Hole 4 Person Ambrose (Modified)  
 Shotgun Start*

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service



**BUSINESS NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>1.</b> | _____ | <b>Hdcp</b> |
| <b>2.</b> | _____ | <b>Hdcp</b> |
| <b>3.</b> | _____ | <b>Hdcp</b> |
| <b>4.</b> | _____ | <b>Hdcp</b> |

AGU/WGA Handicap Required  
 (Non-Handicappers catered for)

NTP's pn all par 3's  
 Longest Drives - A,B,C Grades &  
 Ladies on 7th & 18th.  
 Register by 8.00am  
 Marshalling 8.29am  
 Hit Off 9.15am at Designated Holes

**CAPTAIN NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee includes:  
 Commemorative Cap, Ball, Drink Tickets, BBQ Lunch & 18 Holes of Fun  
 Food & Drinks available on the Course and in the Clubhouse

Post all entries to:  
**BLACK COAL CUP GOLF DAY**  
 Po Box 358  
 Muswellbrook NSW 2333



For information please contact:  
 Margaret Matthews on phone: 6543 4427 mobile: 0407 434 429  
 email: [jacqui.bailey@rescuehelicopter.com.au](mailto:jacqui.bailey@rescuehelicopter.com.au)

## Dates for the Diary

- 4 June PCYC Fundraiser to replace floor in the Boxing Shed. Live Music featuring **Kyda Rock** and **Driver** at the Railway Hotel, from 4.30 pm.  
Entry—\$20 donation which includes sausage sizzle.
- 7 June Chamber Breakfast—Muswellbrook & District Workers' Club, 7.00 am  
RSVP by 2 June 2011 to 6541 1285  
or [secretary@muswellbrookchamber.com.au](mailto:secretary@muswellbrookchamber.com.au)
- 7 June Online Webinar—E-Business & New Technology (refer page 10)
- 8 June ABARES Regional Outlook Conference 2011 to be held at Muswellbrook & District Workers' Club 8.30 am-5.00 pm. Details page 3. Registration form attached.
- 13-16 June Red Cross Blood Bus—Muswellbrook PCYC  
**Call 13 14 95 to make appointment**  
Monday—13 June 1.30-6.30 pm  
Tuesday—14 June 9.00 am-3.00 pm  
Wednesday—15 June 1.30-6.30 pm  
Thursday—16 June 9.00 am-3.00 pm
- 14 June Online Webinar—Designing a Web Site to Build Customer Loyalty (see page 10)
- 17 June Scone Neighbourhood Centre— Workshop to give skills to manage a successful community organisation. For enquiries and bookings please phone 6545 2562.
- 21 June Online Webinar—Promoting Your Business Online & Overseas (refer page 10)
- 28 June Online Webinar—E-Business & New Technology



### THE **BUMPER** BUMPER-STICKER DEAL

Check out our **GREAT** price on  
Bumper Stickers this month!

**500 x Bumper Stickers = \$360**  
**1000 x Bumper Stickers = \$540**

Size is 200mm x 60mm

\*All prices exclude GST. Valid until 30 June 2011. Artwork additional.

In house graphic design studio services available.

Contact us today to discuss your requirements: [orders@comprintsolutions.com.au](mailto:orders@comprintsolutions.com.au)

## ***Safety signage alert***

Safe Work Australia has received a number of queries from stakeholders relating to mandatory safety signage to meet the requirements of the model work health and safety legislation. Safe Work Australia understands that there is at least one company selling posters at around \$60 for a set through their website, stating that the posters are a requirement under the new model work health and safety laws.



Safe Work Australia is not affiliated with any companies that sell these signs. It is not a requirement that organisations or individuals purchase a set of posters from any specific company to comply with the new model work health and safety laws.

Organisations and individuals are urged to do their own checks about the safety signs requirements in their individual circumstances. If you have any concerns or questions about this alert, please contact [info@safeworkaustralia.gov.au](mailto:info@safeworkaustralia.gov.au)

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## ***Winning Business Online***

The **Winning Business Online** programme is a series of workshops designed to help businesses use the internet to increase sales, reduce costs and simplify running your enterprise.

As part of the programme BEC will be hosting a series of online webinars.

E Business & New Technology—Tuesday 7 June, 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm and Tuesday 28 June, 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Designing a Web Site to Build Customer Loyalty—Tuesday 14 June, 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Promoting Your Business Online and Overseas—Tuesday 21 June, 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

For further information please contact

Julie Fibbins

Business Facilitator, Hunter Region BEC

0428 238 399 or [Julie@hunterregionbec.com.au](mailto:Julie@hunterregionbec.com.au)

***YES...***

**MUSWELLBROOK CARNIVALE in Spring**

***...is on again in 2011***

***August to December***

**The full programme will be on the web**

**1 July 2011**

**In the meantime, click on...**

**<http://www.muswellbrook.org.au/stories.html>**

***...to read the wonderful stories from Carnivale 2009 & 2010***

**Carnivale: A Celebration by the People—Of the People—For the People**

**Aged Care Facilities**

integratedliving Australia Ltd  
Mt Providence

**Accountants**

Davies Thompson & Wright Services  
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**Bus Service**

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Hunter TAFE  
Muswellbrook South Public School  
SGS—Stax

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Advanced Personnel Management  
Alliance People Solutions  
Joblink Plus  
Mission Employment Solutions  
Workpac

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Anytime Fitness

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Humanomics

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The Upper Hunter Wine Centre

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**Local Government**

Muswellbrook Shire Council

**Massage/Beauty Therapy**

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**Media**

Muswellbrook Chronicle/Hunter Valley News  
Radio Hunter Valley

**Medical**

Brook Medical Centre

**Mining, Industrial, Agriculture**

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Bengalla Mining Company  
Coal & Allied  
Darryl's Bobcat Pty Ltd

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Yore Contractors Pty Ltd

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Tanya D'Herville Photography

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John Flood Real Estate  
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Muswellbrook Security  
P & L Protection & Security Solutions Pty Ltd

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**'To represent, promote and encourage business enterprise in Muswellbrook and its districts'.**