

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY



Macleay Valley Business Awards Gala Dinner

Save the date!

The night for us all to celebrate businesses in the Kempsey Shire has officially been announced. The Macleay Valley Business Awards is set to take place on Saturday 22 June 2024. This event offers a remarkable opportunity to commend and recognise exceptional businesses that serve as sources of inspiration for others.



Key dates in the lead up to the awards:

- 3 April - Launch Event
- 3 April - Entries open
Enter through the [Macleay Valley Business Chamber website](#)
- 15 May - Entries close
- 22 May - Voting opens
- 5 June - Entries close
- 22 June - Gala Dinner

Come to the launch event!

Connect with the Macleay Valley Business Chamber, past entrants and fellow business owners to discover more about the 2024 Business Awards program. The evening is complimentary, bookings are important for catering purposes. Refreshments will be provided.

Details

Date: Wednesday 3 April - 5:45pm arrival for 6pm start.

Where: Coastline Community Hub, Smith Street Kempsey.

[Book in for the launch night and find out more about the awards](#)

Macleay Youth Laneway Festival returns

To celebrate Youth Week 2024, the Macleay Youth Laneway Festival is back on Saturday 13 April 2024 from 2pm - 6pm in Clyde Street, Kempsey.

Make sure you pop this great event in your calendars to come and celebrate youth and the award winning laneway artwork!

If you're interested in becoming a stall holder at this event, please submit your application including a fun and engaging free activity specifically aimed at young people for the event.



[Download the application form here](#)



Smith Street footpath

Council is replacing the footpath on the western side of Smith St in the Kempsey CBD. Works will be carried out on weekends, commencing on Saturday 6 April and are estimated to finish on Sunday 23 June, subject to weather. We are working with businesses and aiming for the works to have limited impact on trading.

[Find out more](#)

Service NSW Business Concierge Service

Service NSW offer free and personalised support at every stage of your business journey. Your local Business Concierge can speak with you in person or over the phone to discuss a range of services such as grants and rebates as well as licences and permits.



[Book a call or find out more](#)



NSW Digital Connectivity Index

The NSW Government has released its NSW Digital Connectivity Index, which will be used to prioritise and inform digital inclusion initiatives and guide digital infrastructure investments within NSW.

[Check connectivity near you](#)

Opportunities to work with Council

Council engages local contractors and businesses for various projects through the online portal eProcure. We advertise these opportunities inviting either Requests for Quotation (RFQ), Requests for Tender (RFT) or Expressions of Interest (EOI).

We are currently seeking Tenders from appropriately qualified and experienced Tenderers to provide design and construction services for the Kempsey Regional Saleyards Infrastructure Upgrade.

Tenders are also being sought for the construction services for the Kempsey Airport Fencing Upgrade.

Register on eProcure to receive notifications for future opportunities.



[View the Tenders & EOI page](#)

Opportunities update

EV Destination Charging Grants

Electric vehicles (EVs) are increasingly popular, with a growing number of individuals opting for them and planning their journeys around available EV charging stations. The NSW Government has opened applications for [EV destination charging grants](#) for eligible regional businesses. Successful applicants will receive 75 per cent of the cost of purchasing and installing up to four charge points at each site. Open until 2 August 2024.

Learn more at [Electric vehicle destination charging grants](#)

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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