

NEWSLETTER



Merimbula Chamber of Commerce

March 2015

Welcome

Welcome to the March 2015 edition of the Merimbula Chamber of Commerce Newsletter.

This edition includes information about the Merimbula Fun Run on 31st May, the 2015 Business Awards being held in 2nd half of 2015, membership benefits and joining options and a link to the Small Business Toolbox which is a great resource to help start run and grow your business.

We'd love to hear your suggestion for future newsletter features and content. Please contact the committee at committee@ourmerimbula.com.au

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2015 Business Awards

Dates and entry details will be announced soon!

The Merimbula Chamber of Commerce Business Awards program celebrates business excellence at a local level.

This year the program will be aligned with the NSW Business Chamber Business Awards. Entry will be open to members and non-members, with category winners who are members eligible to proceed as a finalist to the NSW Business Chamber Regional Business Awards, with the opportunity of progressing to the State Awards.

Categories will include

- Young Business Executive (aged 18 – 35)
- Young Entrepreneur (aged 18 – 35)
- Business Leader (aged 35+)
- Excellence in Business Ethics
- Excellence in Small Business
- Excellence in Business
- Employer of Choice
- Excellence in Customer Service - People's Choice (Individual)
- Excellence in Customer Service - People's Choice (Business)

The Merimbula Chamber of Commerce now seeks expressions of interest for sponsorship of award categories.

Please email businessawards@ourmerimbula.com.au for more information or to express interest in sponsoring an award category.

Upcoming Events

March

06/03/15 - Cruise Eden - Pacific Pearl visit

06-08/03/15 - The 6th Annual "Sapphire Coast Rock 'n' Rodders Dance Festival"

06/03/15 - Sapphire Coast Turf Club Race Meeting - Merimbula Cup Day

08/03/15 - EAT Merimbula

13/03/15 - Black Friday Sale

18/03/15 - Ordinary Meeting of the Bega Valley Shire Council

21/03/15 - Pambula Pink & Black 'Rock'n'Roll Party

29/03/15 - Sapphire Coast Turf Club Race Meeting - Restaurants Race Day

Every Saturday - Merimbula parkrun

April

03/04/15 - Good Friday

04/04/15 - Easter Saturday

06/04/15 - Easter Monday

08/04/15 - Ordinary Meeting of the Bega Valley Shire Council

12/04/15 - Pambula Markets

19/04/15 - Merimbula Seaside Market

25/04/15 - Anzac Day

29/04/15 - Ordinary Meeting of the Bega Valley Shire Council

Every Saturday - Merimbula parkrun

View event links online
www.ourmerimbula.com.au/events/upcoming-events

List your community event
calendar@ourmerimbula.com.au

Around Town

- **Jeans West** closed in Merimbula, consolidating their local presence in Bega.

Please email local business news snippets to newsletter@ourmerimbula.com.au

Chamber Membership

Your investment in the Merimbula Chamber of Commerce means an investment and commitment in the community and opportunity to contribute to a positive local business environment.

Members are rewarded with the following benefits:

- Regular Chamber updates and newsletters
- Preferential access and discounted member-only pricing for promotions, events, training, sponsorship offers (where available)
- Upgrade to a featured listing on the online Local Business Directory
- Complimentary participation in the Local Gift Card program (\$50 per year for non-members)
- Voting rights at open Chamber meetings (except for Associate members)
- Free membership to the NSW Business Chamber Local Chamber Alliance Program
- Complimentary online job listing service (\$20 per listing for non-members)
- Opportunity to post your special offers on the online Shop Local Offers page

Who can join?

To become a member you need to be a representative of any business which lies within the 12 kilometre radius of Merimbula Post Office (e.g. Merimbula, Tura, Pambula, Wolumla).

Associate membership is open to a business or private person residing outside the Merimbula area or a private citizen who resides Merimbula area.

What membership fees apply?

Membership is rolling with the following annual membership fees applied upon joining and each anniversary of joining date:

Large Business/Organisation

Local business with 20+ full time equivalent staff
\$275 (no GST)*

Medium Business

Local business with 6-19 full time equivalent staff
\$150 (no GST)*

Small Business

Local business with 1-5 full time equivalent staff
\$99 (no GST)*

Associate Member

A business or private person residing outside the Merimbula area, OR
A private citizen who residing within Merimbula area.
\$20 (no GST)*

How can I join?

Please email membership@ourmerimbula.com.au to find out more or join.

Small Business Tool Kit

The NSW Government maintain the Small Business Tool Kit that can help you start, run and grow your business.

The Small Business Tool Kit contains useful information on business planning, finance and cash flow, marketing and sales, and HR and employee management. You'll find checklists, planning tools and case studies.

Access this free resource online:
<http://toolkit.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/>

Merimbula Fun Run

The 2015 Merimbula Fun Run will be held on Sunday 31st May. Starting and finishing at Ford Park, this event includes a 10km Run and 5km Run|Walk.

This great community event attracts both professional and recreational runners and walkers from near and far and boosting our visitors numbers.

The Merimbula Fun Run isn't possible without sponsors and volunteers and we invite interest from businesses who would like to support the event and any person who would like to volunteer their time on the day.

If you would like to sponsor or volunteer, please contact Donella on 0404 427 457 or email funrun@ourmerimbula.com.au

Online registrations are now open, with early bird pricing available until 31st March. Register now!

www.ourmerimbula.com.au/merimbulafunrun

Merimbula Chamber of Commerce

Want to help the local business community? We currently have two casual vacancies on the committee - please contact us to learn more.

President | Vacant **Vice President** | **Secretary** | Donella Roberts **Treasurer** | Serge Nachtergaele **Committee Member** | Tania Dwyer
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