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## *Muswellbrook Shire eNews*



From the Mayor

Welcome to the winter edition of Council's *Shire eNewsletter*. The colder weather has set in, and I hope all residents are weathering it well.

June was, as always, a busy month for Council and Councillors as we finalised and presented the 2023 Operational Plan, Revenue Policy and made Fees and Charges for the new financial year.

July and August, on the other hand, look to be dedicated to "openings"! The Donald Horne Building, Muswellbrook Animal Care Facility and Sustainability Hub, Denman and District Heritage Village and the Visitor Information Centre are all due to be officially opened over the coming weeks.

*Steve Reynolds*

Mayor of Muswellbrook Shire



Muswellbrook Animal Care Facility and Sustainability Hub



## Donald Horne Building official opening

The Donald Horne Building will be officially opened on Tuesday 18 July – with industry and school tours to follow. The Melt Modern Manufacturing Centre Industry Expo is on Wednesday 19 July - [click here to learn more or RSVP to the event](#) - and a community open day will be held soon so everyone can see the exciting opportunities this facility has to offer. Stay tuned!

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## Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre – still time to buy annual membership at 20% discount!

Stay fit all year round – and save! Purchase an annual membership from the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre during July and receive limitless entry for “gym and swim”, “gym only”, “swim only”, or a six-month “swim only” membership, and receive a discount of 20 percent.

The discounted fees apply to the upfront annual membership fee and the upfront six-month swim membership and are available until July 31. [Click here to check the full list of discounted fees.](#)

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## Hunter Councils unite against aggression towards staff

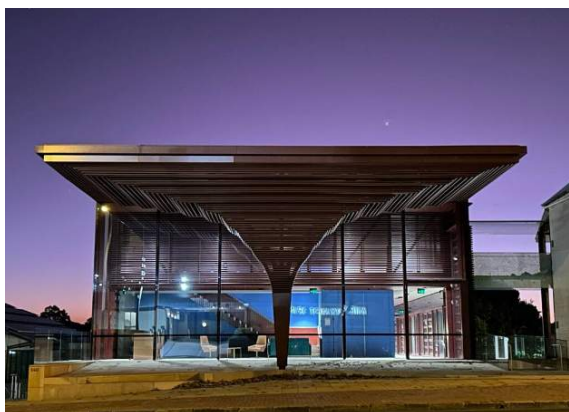
A new campaign by eight Hunter Councils aims to show that Council employees are real people too and reaffirms the old saying that respect is a two-way street.

The cross-collaboration developed the ‘respect is everyone’s role’ campaign to raise awareness of the issue and reinforce that everyone deserves a safe work environment. The campaign addresses the incidence of aggression and abuse towards Council workers, which has increased across the region in the last 12 months.

This joint initiative is supported by Maitland City Council, Cessnock City Council, City of Newcastle, Upper Hunter Shire Council, Dungog Shire Council, Muswellbrook Shire Council, Singleton Council, Port Stephens Council and the United Services Union.

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## What's On



### Donald Horne Building Official Opening: The Melt Industry Expo

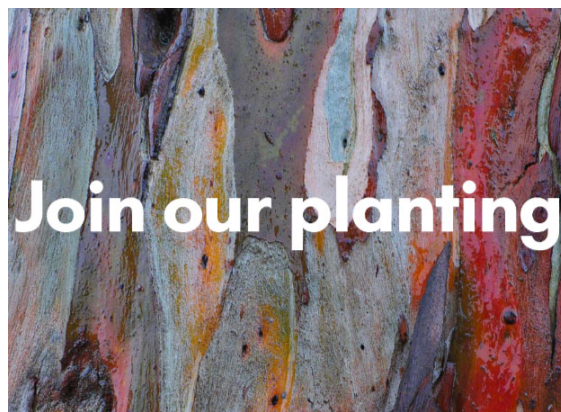
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Donald Horne Building, 140 Bridge Street, Muswellbrook

The Melt Industry Expo promises a hands-on, deep dive into the ways of engaging with the facility and the experts within it, giving you an opportunity to see the state-of-the-art equipment up close and personal.

[Secure your FREE tickets online.](#)

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### National Tree Day

30 July 9:30am - Hyde Park, Denman

30 July 10:30am - Muscle Creek, Muswellbrook

Join us on Sunday 30 July for National Tree Day!

Together, we can make a positive, practical difference to our local environment.

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## Story Time and Craft

20 July 10am - Muswellbrook Library

Join us and share interactive stories and craft! These sessions are held each Thursday from 10am. These inclusive activities are open for children ages 3-5, and younger siblings are also welcome.

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## People's Studio

5 August 11am - Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre

Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre and Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music celebrate every month with the People's Studio. Create art, listen to live music, and enjoy a bite to eat. All skill levels and ages are welcome.

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## Rhyme Time

Every Monday, 10am - Muswellbrook Library

Come along to Muswellbrook Library and share music, rhyme and stories. These sessions are held weekly at the Muswellbrook Library on Monday mornings from 10am and are suitable for ages 0-3 years. Older siblings are also welcome.



## Art Station

19 August 10am - Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre

Running the third Saturday of every month, the Art Station is a free family exploratory art activity. Be inspired by the exhibitions currently showing at the Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre.

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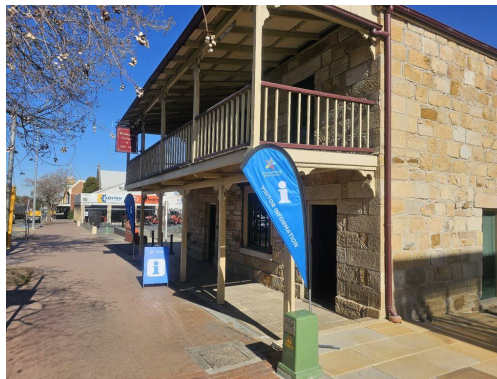
## Call for volunteers!

Got some time on your hands? Do you have a passion for your community?

Council is seeking volunteers to help man the Muswellbrook Shire Visitor Information Centre, opening on 17 July in Weidmann Cottage.

If you have four hours a week or fortnight to help visitors to our Shire, we would love to hear from you!

Call Susanne on [0417 014 891](tel:0417014891) to learn more.



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