



MEMBER GUIDE



### **ABOUT US**

Since 1936, the Wagga Wagga Business Chamber has been a lead organisation in servicing the business community through its work in advocacy, education and events.

We are a not-for-profit organisation with a volunteer board who are not only passionate about business but about our local community.

We pride ourselves on being an inclusive, innovative and collaborative community.

From the minute you join, you will have access to a network of business people representing all areas of Wagga Wagga's diverse economy as well as advice, learning resources and other member only benefits.

Feel free to reach out at any time to discuss membership and how it might benefit your business.



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## **OUR BOARD**



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## **Member Benefits**

#### REGULAR NETWORKING AND EVENTS

We run monthly events that provide networking opportunities, education and information. Head to our website to check out the latest events. <a href="https://www.waggachamber.com.au/events">www.waggachamber.com.au/events</a>



A great way to start the day, our business breakfasts consist of a short 20-30 min presentation followed by a short networking opportunity over breakfast. Events run from 7.00am to 8.30am.



Business After Hours is an event hosted by a local business. They provide a short presentation/ speech on their business followed by networking with canapes and drinks provided. Events run 5.30pm - 7.30pm



Drop in Drinks is our monthly networking event and everyone is invited. Whether you're in business, interested in business or just want to meet other like minded people, this event is for you.



Our Golden Crow Awards are the business night of nights celebrating the achievements of business and business leaders throughout in a variety of categories of excellence.



We pop up at various cafes in our CBD on the second Thursday of the month and provide the opportunity for some great business conversation while enjoying your morning caffeine hit.



#### ADVOCACY

Our regular contact with business means we are aware of the issues that businesses face. With access to all levels of government and key stakeholders, we are able to draw attention to these issues and proactively engage and work with relevant stakeholders to take action.

Our advocacy also promotes Wagga as the preferred place to do business, promoting all the benefits our region has to offer. Our ability to get results means we are a strong voice in the business community.

# PROVIDING INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND RESOURCES

We develop and provide resources and educational opportunities that are relevant and useful for businesses. Not only will you receive our fortnightly newsletter but our members are the first to receive information on upcoming events and projects through our member only communications.

If you are after information on projects, not sure who to contact for help or after recommendations, know that we are only a phone call away!

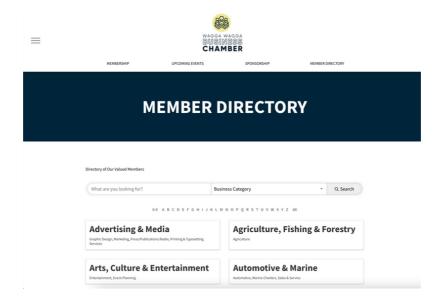
#### PROMOTING YOUR BUSINESS

As a member of the Chamber you will receive a 'Meet our members' post on our socials, where we introduce your business to fellow members and the wider community

You will also be provided a listing on our online member directory.

Looking to promote your business further? Ask us about hosting your own event or promoting a member to member offer.

We encourage all members of the Chamber to catch up with our Business Manager upon joining. The more we know about your business the more we can promote you and provide relevant information to you.





#### SHOP LOCAL WAGGA WAGGA

If you are a locally owned business, you are eligible to participate in our 'Shop Local Wagga Wagga' gift card program for FREE. The program costing \$220/annually for non-members, is designed to support our local businesses through the use of gift card.

#### FREE BUSINESS NSW MEMBERSHIP

# Alliance Partner of BUSINESS NSW

We are a proud to be an alliance Member of Business NSW, providing our members FREE services, information and access to discounted services as below:

#### Workplace, Legal and Marketing Advice Line Calls

A phone service providing members with specialists advice in the areas of Industrial Relations, Legal and Marketing . You receive three calls across these topics per annum.

Workplace relations and Legal line 13 29 59 Marketing Advice Line 13 26 96

#### **Networking and Educational Events**

Business NSW events are run regularly across the state to help you increase your business network and stay up to date with topical issues and matters.

#### e-Newsletter

Members only e-newsletter updating you i the latest news and trends in business.

#### Free membership of Business Australia

Whether you business is just starting out, looking to become more efficient, or wanting to grow - Business Australia exists to help you get there. Members have access to business tools, resources and advice.

#### **Discounted Business NSW Membership**

A 20% discount on Business NSW events and advice-based packages

Eligibility to participate in the Regional and State Business Awards. If your business is successful at our Golden Crow Awards, as a member we can move you to the Business NSW Regional Awards for eligible categories.