

2022 COMMUNITY FORUM

Wednesday 16 November
Muswellbrook RSL Club



The theme for the 2022 Community Forum is '**PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**', with a focus on economic diversification and new opportunities for the communities in the Upper Hunter region.

The Forum will be part of a live broadcast of Hunter Valley Today on 2NM hosted by Darren Cutrupi and featuring interviews with speakers and attendees.

8:30 AM	FORUM OPEN - Arrival, breakfast and networking coffee and tea available	
9:00 AM	Welcome to Country	Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
9:05 AM	Welcome from Facilitator	Di Sneddon, Forum Facilitator
9:10 AM	Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue In Review (2020 - 2022)	Sarah Withell, UHMD Chair; and James Barben, UHMD Secretariat
9:30 AM	Community Perceptions Survey - Insights and Opportunities	Katie Ferro, CEO, CRNRSTONE Research (formerly Stable Research)
9:45AM	Industry Update and Outlook	Stephen Galilee, CEO, NSWMC
10:00AM	Government Update on future strategic planning and land use issues for the Hunter	Stephen Wills, Department of Regional NSW
10:20AM	MORNING TEA	
10:40AM	Update on Muswellbrook Coal's Closure Plan	Julie Thomas, Muswellbrook Coal Company
11:00AM	Update on Mt Arthur Coal's Pathway to 2030	Adam Lancey, BHP
11:20AM	Community Panel Discussion	Panelists will include representatives from business, local government and community interest groups.
12:00PM	LUNCH	
12:40PM	Small Table Discussion and Feedback Session	Various themes including Environmental Issues, Post-Mining Land Use, Economic Diversification, and Social Engagement
1:50PM	Final Remarks & Summary of the Day	Di Sneddon, Facilitator
2:00PM	FORUM CLOSE	