



2026 COMMUNITY FORUM

WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

MUSWELLBROOK RSL

Arrival

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Session 1: Dialogue & Economic Updates

9:00am – 10:30am

- > Welcome to Country
- > Address from the Dialogue Chair
- > Update on the Dialogue Activities and Projects
- > Dialogue Youth Advisory Group
- > NSW Government Update
- > Economic Outlook for the Upper Hunter

Morning Tea

Session 2: Regional Planning

11:00am – 12:30pm

- > Muswellbrook Council Update
- > Singleton Council Update
- > Net Zero Economy Authority
- > Future Jobs and Investment Authority

Lunch

Session 3: Changing Landscape of the Region

1:30pm – 3:00pm

- > Understanding Mine Closure
- > Case Study: The journey to alternative post mining land uses
- > Open Discussion

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MEET OUR SPEAKERS



THE HON. EMILY SUVAAL MLC
NSW Parliament

Emily was elected to the NSW Legislative Council in March 2023. She is Chair of the Standing Committee on State Development.



PROF. ROBERTA RYAN
Institute for Regional Futures

Professor Ryan is nationally recognised for her expertise in mediating shared outcomes in contested environments.



ROBIN GRIFFIN
Commodity Insights

Robin is Commodity Insights Head of Research, with over three decades of experience in commodity markets, and deep expertise across mined commodities.



LIZ WATTS
BHP

Liz is BHP's Vice President of NSW Energy Coal, leading the transition of Mt Arthur Coal to closure by 2030.



RUSS FRANCIS
Zephyr Consulting

Russ is a senior air quality consultant who prepares the annual analysis for the Upper Hunter Monitoring Network.



SHAGOFTA ALI
NSW EPA

Shagofta is the Director of Strategy & Policy at the EPA, leading development of policies around climate change.



JESSICA ROUSE
Forum Facilitator

Jessica is the Deputy Editor and Journalist @ The Coalface Magazine, and host of the podcast Digging Deeper, where she shares stories from mining communities and people in the industry.



JOHN WATSON
Chair, Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue

John was appointed Chair of the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue in December 2023. John is the Director of Environment & Community at Glencore Coal Assets Australia.



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Speaker Name

Welcome to Country

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0:00am

John Watson

Address from the Dialogue Chair

Chair of the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue and Director of Environment & Community at Glencore Coal Assets Australia.



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Speaker Name

Update on Dialogue Activities and Projects

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Speaker Name

Dialogue Youth Advisory Group

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The Hon. Emily Suvaal MLC

NSW Government Update

Elected to the NSW Legislative Council in March 2023. Chair of the Standing Committee on State Development.



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Robin Griffin

Economic Outlook for the Upper Hunter

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