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We are always keen to build our knowledge and understanding of what Hawkesbury businesses need. Please share this newsletter with other local businesses, become a member of the Hawkesbury Business Hub (it's free!) and please tell me what you think by contacting me on 4560 4437 or 0418 296 579 or email [Amanda.Kearney@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Amanda.Kearney@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au)

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### [From Mayor Conolly's desk](#)

This year has brought many challenges to our Business Community. Bushfires, the drought, floods and COVID-19 have all definitely tested our resilience.

I have seen firsthand how we have worked together to support each other, really building on the community spirit that underpins the Hawkesbury.



Hawkesbury City Council was proud to once again be a Major Sponsor of the Hawkesbury Local Business Awards program that was held on 21 October

October was also 'Small Business Month'. We hosted a number of online programs and webinars, to help local businesses upskill during this challenging time. Council was pleased to work in partnership with The Hawkesbury Chamber of Commerce to deliver many of these initiatives.

Once again, our warmest congratulations to all the winners of the 2020 Local Business Awards.

Mayor, Patrick Conolly



## Hawkesbury Local Business Awards Winners

The Hawkesbury Local Business Awards program was held on Wednesday, 21 October 2020 in celebration of the Hawkesbury business community.

The event was attended by the Mayor of Hawkesbury, Councillor Patrick Conolly, Deputy Mayor Councillor Mary Lyons-Buckett and Councillor Peter Reynolds. Hawkesbury City Council was delighted to present Council's Community Access and Inclusion Award to Bells Line Legal.

Congratulations to all of the winners of the 2020 Local Business Awards who have achieved excellence in their respective areas. Your outstanding contribution and service to the community has helped achieve great things for Hawkesbury.

Hawkesbury Local Business Awards 2020 Winners include:

Kylie Ravens - Business Person of the Year

Wilberforce Cellars – Business of the Year

Studio 206 - Outstanding Hairdresser

Strandbags Richmond Marketplace - Outstanding Fashion Shop

Munro's Quality Meats, Wilberforce Shopping Centre - Outstanding Butcher  
Bells Line Legal - Community Access and Inclusion Award

Visit <https://thebusinessawards.com.au/program/12/Hawkesbury> to see photos and details of all Hawkesbury winners!



## Revitalisation Town Centres - Update

As part of Council's Town Centre Liveability Project for Windsor, Richmond and South Windsor, a Draft Master Plan has been created to bring these town centres to life. Thank you to all those businesses and members of the community who gave us feedback on the plans.

Different projects have been developed for each of the three centres and detailed designs will now be prepared.

### **Windsor:**

George Street - a boulevard of trees seating, lighting, places for outdoor dining, street art and cleaning

Windsor Mall (North & South) - tree planting, seating, lighting and cleaning

Thompson Square - upgrade of the outdoor dining area and cleaning

### **South Windsor:**

George Street - a boulevard of trees linking McLeod Park to the station with new seating parklets where people can sit

Bereewan Park - tree planing, creation of a network of paths, investigation of a community garden

### **Richmond:**

Windsor Street - a boulevard of trees, lighting and new seating parklets where people can sit

Richmond Park - activation of the oval with new seating, paths to connect the



To find out more, [click here](#).



## Wrap up on Small Business Month

Hawkesbury City Council, in partnership with Hawkesbury Chamber of Commerce, proudly hosted a series of webinars and online discussions throughout Small Business Month, with a focus on supporting local small businesses through these disruptive times.

Thank you to Anna Samios & Robert Gerrish who both hosted webinars during Small Business Month. Robert Gerrish's presentation can be accessed [HERE](#).

From strengthening the financial foundations of local businesses to growing with digital technologies, Council wants to support local small businesses as they enter their recovery phase.

Business operators can explore many other grants, programs and initiatives on Council's Hawkesbury Business Hub [www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hbh](http://www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hbh) and also on the NSW Government's Business Connect website at <https://business-connect-register.industry.nsw.gov.au/pages/home.html>





## [Apple orchard recovery grants available](#)

Bushfire-impacted apple growers now have access to a \$31 million grants program to help progress their recovery efforts.

Grants of up to \$120,000 per hectare are available to eligible growers. They can be used to:

- replace stock (apple trees of any variety), damaged irrigation infrastructure, poles, trellises, and netting
- clean-up damaged infrastructure or undertake site preparation not funded through other programs.

In order to be eligible, apple growers must:

- be a primary producer
- hold an ABN that was active at the time of the eligible disaster
- be located within a NSW local government area declared as a disaster area for the 2019/2020 bushfires
- have had apple orchards that suffered direct damage by bushfires since 31 August 2019
- have been in active production immediately prior to the fires
- match the grant dollar-for-dollar with a private financial co-contribution.

All funded activities covered by these grants will need to be complete with all funding expended by 30 June 2023.

Please read the [Apple Recovery Grant Guidelines \(PDF, 203.75 KB\)](#) for more information about these grants before submitting an application form.

For more information [click here](#)



## Modern Manufacturing Initiative

The Australian Government is manufacturing a new future for our nation through the \$1.5 billion Modern Manufacturing Strategy.

The centrepiece of the Strategy is the \$1.3 billion Modern Manufacturing Initiative (MMI), which will see the Government strategically invest in projects that help manufacturers to scale up and create jobs.

The MMI will support projects within six National Manufacturing Priorities which reflect Australia's established competitive advantages or emerging areas of priority:

- Resources technology and critical minerals processing
- Food and beverage
- Medical products
- Recycling and clean energy
- Defence
- Space

The Strategy is a key feature of the Government's JobMaker plan to harness Australian manufacturing capability and drive our economic recovery and future resilience.

- \$52.8 million expansion of the [Manufacturing Modernisation Fund \(MMF\)](#) (this link is to the prior 2019 MMF Round 1) that supports transformation in small and medium manufacturing businesses. Round 2 of the MMF is planned to launch prior the end of 2020 and provides co-funded grants to upgrade manufacturing processes and grow highly skilled workforces.
- \$107.2 million Supply Chain Resilience Initiative will support projects that address an identified supply chain vulnerability. incentivising industry to take advantage of opportunities to provide both domestic and global supply chains with critical products



Additional information

[Modern Manufacturing Strategy](#).

[Modern Manufacturing Initiative and National Manufacturing Priorities](#)

[Supply Chain Resilience Initiative](#)

[Manufacturing Modernisation Fund round two](#)

Please note that programs under the Modern Manufacturing Strategy are under development and funding is not yet available. If you are interested in updates on funding and programs as they become available, please subscribe to our updates – <https://www.industry.gov.au/news-media/modern-manufacturing-strategy>.



## Create a vibrant outdoor dining experience

Café and restaurant owners are encouraged to operate outdoors to create a vibrant atmosphere and help cater for social distancing restrictions.

Council recognises that street trading can contribute to the economic vitality of local business and that footways are an integral part of the City environment.

To continue to support our local businesses, Council has previously waived outdoor dining fees during the early months of 2020. If you are interested in finding out more about trading out on the footpath or to discuss relief for permit fees please call Council's Acting Manager Property and Strategy on 4560 4482.



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## Hawkesbury Business Hub is live - have you joined?

Our Hawkesbury Business Hub was recently launched to help support our local business community. We now have a new addition to the Hub which is a Business Directory. Hawkesbury City Council encourages you to drop a pin in the location of your local business and tell us all about your business, your history, what you offer, your business hours and any current special offers.

We will be regularly promoting the local businesses who register on our Directory Map through our Facebook page. It's free promotion for your business, so get on board today!

 Follow this link to our [Business Hub Directory Map](#)

 See what our Business Hub has to offer [here](#)

 If you would like assistance with setting up your business in our directory, call our Customer Service Team on 4560 4444.

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## WSBC free online training

Western Sydney Business Centre is offering a series of free webinars to help businesses acquire and refine essential skills. Click [here](#) to learn more.



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