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It's on again! The annual street celebration, Christmas In Mudgee.

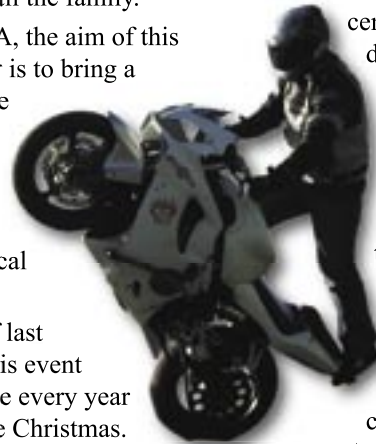
Saturday, 19th December from 4pm 'till 8pm, 4 hours of fun-filled Christmas Joy for all the family.

Hosted by the MBA, the aim of this carnival every year is to bring a smile to every face without local families having

to pay a cent. Our way of saying, once a year "Thanks for supporting local business".

Following the success of last year's shift to Saturday, this event will be a permanent feature every year on the last Saturday before Christmas. The Saturday provides more access to families, less disruption to local business, better parking, less traffic problems and is all-round a much easier day to hold the event.

For the past two years, our star attraction has been local talent, Steve Mini and his team mates from the Showtime FMX stunt team. Steve has given us two years of breathtaking action right in the centre of town. 2009 will see a different kind of action. The Lukey Luke stunt team still ride bikes, but these guys keep at least one wheel on the ground most of the time.



Riding Triumph roadbikes, these guys put their bikes and their bodies through some of the most extraordinary stunts you've ever seen.

A star attraction at practically every major motor event across Australia, the Lukey Luke Stunt Team will, just like Steve Mini, leave the town talking well into 2010. Bring the kids, you won't want to miss this show!

HOW IS ALL THIS FREE STUFF POSSIBLE?

Only one way. Generous people. Generous local people. Local people supporting local events and their community.

Throughout the final months of the year, the MBA committee, on bended knee travel the length and breadth of the district asking for donations. We are never disappointed, ever. This year, as previously, the money has been given, the hours committed, the equipment provided, the skills put to good use and this is one reason we continue to do it.

The support from the Mudgee community is, as always, overwhelming. Some of the early financial backers of this year's event are Mid-Western Regional Council, Moolarben Coal, Ulan Coal and Aeropelican.

HOW WILL CHRISTMAS IN MUDGEE AFFECT YOUR BUSINESS?

From 2pm on Saturday the 19th of December, Market Street, from the Clock Tower to the Tourist Office will be closed and will reopen at 10pm. Stalls, rides, bands, buskers, demonstrations, performers, Santa and several thousand visitors will completely fill the void left by the road closure. Absolutely no through traffic will be permitted during this time. If this road closure or event will cause a problem for you or your business, we want to know about it now so we can deal with it and make everyone's life easy. Please call Kent Gilbert on 0428 178 173 or Karl Fletcher on 0417 683 069, let us know and we'll get to work on it immediately.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The MBA recently held its AGM, and I am pleased to report we have a new look committee of local business people more than committed to help support the interests of Mudgee business. A big welcome to new team members Alex Rix and Kirsty Creed from Visual Expanse, Carol Gemmell from Whatever Mudgee, and Helen Evans from

Settlers Antiques. And a big thankyou also to the re-elected team members who have backed up again with great passion & enthusiasm.

The MBA team meets once a month, and initiatives already under way include a revamp of our website to ensure it is 100% member focused with quality information, more regular newsletters of interest for members, and high quality seminars and networking events scheduled for throughout 2010. Why not check your records to see if you are a paid up member with the MBA. All Mudgee based businesses are welcome to join...and the greater the membership the more weight the MBA carries in their

dealing with broad issues around town that can impact on the well being of your business. Who'd believe it! The festive season is almost here, and that sets the scene for Mudgee's biggest and most popular Christmas party on Saturday December 19. The MBA's absolutely awesome Christmas in Mudgee event this year will be even more spectacular. The whole community gets behind this one, and that includes local schools and bands and dancers and much much more. We have secured another superb motor bike spectacular...and of course there will be free rides and fairy floss & a lot more for the kids. We still need to raise another \$10,000 to help cover the cost of staging this event, so Mudgee businesses please dig deep and help support this wonderful community event. Any contribution amount WILL make a difference. Why not give me a call?

Thanks. Bill Avery
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Join the MBA today, be a part of the growing Mudgee Business community - call 0423 017 843 now!

MBA MEMBER PRIVILEGE CARD

All MBA members have now been issued with their privileged card for 2009. It's now time to put this card to work for Local Business. This is where



is pays to shop local. Let us know what deals you are prepared to offer your fellow MBA members, discounts, package deals, special offers, whatever you like and we'll tell the membership. If you've got your card on you when you go shopping, you'll recover the cost of your membership in no time.

To get your offer to MBA members listed, Call 0423 017 843 or email your details to info@MudgeeBusiness.com.au

TAX CALENDAR

11 November - BAS Qtr 1
Lodgement date for quarterly reporting

21 November - BAS October
Lodgement date for monthly reporting

TAX ACRONYMS

- * ABN - Australian business number
- * AIR - Annual investment income report
- * APRA - Aust Prudential Regulation Authority
- * DASP - Departing Australia super payment
- * FBT - Fringe benefits tax
- * GIC - General interest charge
- * GST - Goods and services tax
- * PAYG - Pay as you go withholding
- * SAP - Substituted accounting period
- * SGC - Superannuation guarantee charge

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NSW POLICE - RETAIL THEFT & SCAM BULLETIN



Emerging Trends in Retail theft

Targets:

Fragrances, Clothing, Health & Beauty, Fresh packaged refrigerated meat

Method used to conceal stolen items:

Carry Bags - Enviro bags, carry bags, store bags, handbags

Prams - without babies, stolen items placed under blankets

Booster Box - bags or boxes lined with aluminium foil to shield security tags from antennas

Recent Scams

Local businesses have been targeted by telemarketers posing as representatives of NSW Police and staff from the Office of Crime Prevention. The phone operators state that they are representing a journal called the "Crime Prevention Review" and claiming that it is supported by the NSW Police Force and NSW Department of Education. The callers request businesses to donate money to fund a school education kit which they claim is distributed to all schools and police stations around the state and contains information about drug and alcohol awareness for teenagers. The callers further claim that the journal is "highly regarded as an education and prevention tool for the youth". This journal is not supported by either Government department.

S.C Allen Crime Prevention Officer with Mudgee Police urges any local business that receives a call from a person representing the "Crime Prevention Review" to refuse to donate any money. If a business happens to find that they have been caught up in this scam they are urged to contact their local police or the department of Fair Trading.

Broken Windows

Whilst the debate continues on the potential for CCTV cameras in the CBD and related privacy issues, some tips from local Police include: after hours, turn your under-awning or shop-front lights on, point at least one internal security camera towards the window and ensure your cameras are recording overnight. If you have a window broken, consider the possibility of replacing the glass with polycarbonate or perspex type sheets. Your insurance company may assist you with the extra cost.

Did you know?

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS

Local government can have a role in approving a new business in Mudgee. Not widely know, certain business types such as food, health, personal services or even tattooing are regulated by council and require the submission of a Development Application (DA). Long thought of as simply being required for a new building or renovation, the DA can be required for new signage, a person considering taking over an existing business, changes to your business operations or hours and much more.



Your solicitor will give you the correct advice when establishing or purchasing a business, but good planning should see you searching the MWRC website for information or visiting Council's offices for planning advice about your business.

Not all businesses are affected by these regulations, and the purchase of a going concern may not require any approval by local government, but it makes sense to check first to avoid any bureaucratic grief at the critical stages of opening your doors for the first time. The business you are considering purchasing may be operating without appropriate consent or may have strict conditions imposed that you may not be aware of.

Signage is always an issue that has the potential for conflict with councils in NSW. Councils can determine what signs, size, colours, types, materials, placement and much more through local Development Control Plans (DCP) and the DCP is used to maintain a harmony with the local environment. However - as we've seen in our local council over the past couple of years, nothing is set in stone and a DCP can be interpreted, flexed or even completely ignored depending on who you speak to. If you believe that a decision has been made by a council officer is inappropriate or wrong or you think the processing of your DA is taking too long and is harming your business potential, you have the right to say so. Your solicitor can advise you on your rights with regards to DA's, signage and business development or you can approach the Councillor you voted for at the last election for assistance.

MBA members can download a PDF copy of MWRC's DCP for Signs from the Members' Section of the MBA website - www.MudgeeBusiness.com.au

OHS Issues

SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENTS

The Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) What is it? Who needs it?

A SWMS is simply a statement, prepared by an employer and read by the employees stating clearly how a specific task in any workplace is to be carried out safely. From office and retail to heavy industry and medical, SWMS's are helping to make Workplace Safety a collaborative effort and injury-free jobs a reality.

It's not necessary for it to be a complex document, in fact, the easier it is to read and understand, the more likely it is that it's going to work.

Professional OHS advice should always be considered, especially in a risky environment, but your statement should include things like the known risks, how you expect your staff to approach them, the protective equipment required, reporting requirements, physical or time limitations, applicable laws and Australian Standards and also allow for the employee to contribute to the SWMS ongoing development.

