

OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL BUSINESSES TO WORK ON THEMSELVES

Small businesses across the Dubbo Regional Local Government Area are being encouraged to take the time to work on their business during Small Business Month in October.

"The past 18 months has really shown how small business owners are struggling to do everything with nationwide skills shortages and ongoing cost escalations and in§ation," Economic Development and Visitors Services Team Leader Tim Nichols said.

"Business owners are working more hours than ever before while also not having the time to stay up-to-date with current trends or Ind out what support is available to assist them in this area."

To assist local businesses Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) has partnered with the Dubbo Business Chamber to hold a Free Small Business Month event at Lazy River Estate.

The four staged event will focus on connecting businesses with experts

and services through individual focus, panellist discussion, expert

insights and networking.

"We are really excited to be partnering with Council to host this event to

support the local business community," Dubbo Business Chamber

Executive o"cer Brittany Sultana said.

"The holistic approach to this event will connect participants to ideas,

tools and experts and offer them focus for both themselves and their

whole team."

DRC has a number of partnerships and programs that help support local

businesses including the myDubbo Region Shopping Card Business

Program and the Dubbo Region Skills Portal. Both programs are free and

accessible to businesses in the Local Government Area.

Opportunities to be part of strategic campaigns and programs including

the upcoming Christmas Campaign which highlights Shopping Local

across the Black Friday/Cyber Monday sales and through the festive

seasons are also available.

The Small Business Month event will be held on Wednesday 11 October

from 2pm to 7.30pm at Lazy River Estate.

This is a free event with registration required.

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