

BUSINESS HUB

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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 business@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au.

In the Hawkesbury

Election update

The Local Government elections were held on September 14, 2024. As of the time of publication, the full results had not yet been released, with the declaration of polls expected to occur between 30 September and 4 October 2024.

The first Council meeting with the new Council will be held on **October 15 2024**. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be elected at this meeting. In the November edition of our newsletter, the new Mayor will be announced in the mayoral column.

If you would like to watch the election live online, click the link below. If you would like to watch later, the podcast will be released [here](#) after the meeting and will be available from Friday, October 18 at 12pm.

Watch live



Savour the Flavour Hawkesbury set to sizzle in October!

The Hawkesbury's newest taste sensation event is back - Savour the Flavour Hawkesbury – Council's huge food and beverage event is set for Saturday, 12 October 2023 from 4pm to 9pm at Richmond Park, Richmond. Free entry!

Everyone is invited to this special event that will celebrate the Hawkesbury on a spring afternoon through to twilight and into a magical evening, with plenty of time to relax and enjoy the wonderful local food, produce and Hawkesbury setting.

A delicious line up of stalls will have food, produce and beverages to sample and buy – including fresh produce, apple pies, fresh and barbecued meats, pizza, bush tucker, honey, desserts, organic food, jams, juices, alcoholic beverages and more.

Local restaurateurs and producers will hold on-stage live cooking demonstrations. There will also be live entertainment to enjoy – including facepainting, outdoor lawn games and rides.

The Hawkesbury Regional Gallery will hold their popular Leonardo da Vinci workshops, and the Secret Garden will host fun and interactive kids' workshops. The event is free entry however tickets to the workshops will be available to purchase in mid-September. Keep an eye out on Council's website for more information on these workshops.

Where: Richmond Park, Richmond

When: Saturday, 12 October 2024 from 4pm to 9pm

[Read more](#)



Light up Windsor Street Fair 2024

The Hawkesbury's favourite annual Christmas celebration, Light Up Windsor Street Fair returns!

From 5pm to 9pm on Saturday 30 November, Windsor Mall and George Street will burst to life with Christmas cheer, including dozens of market stalls, snow flurries, Christmas lights, free face painting, and live entertainment.

Light Up Windsor is looking for sponsors! Email events@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au to register your interest to be a sponsor.

For more information about the event visit the website below.

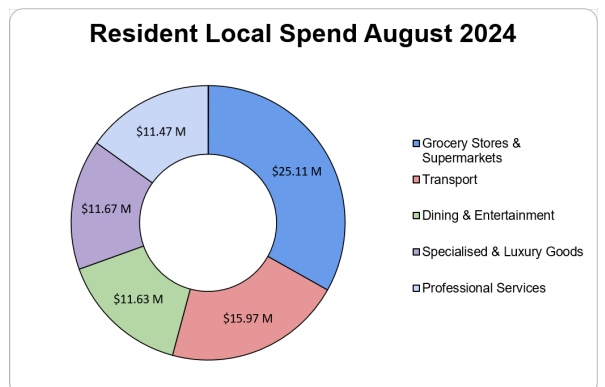
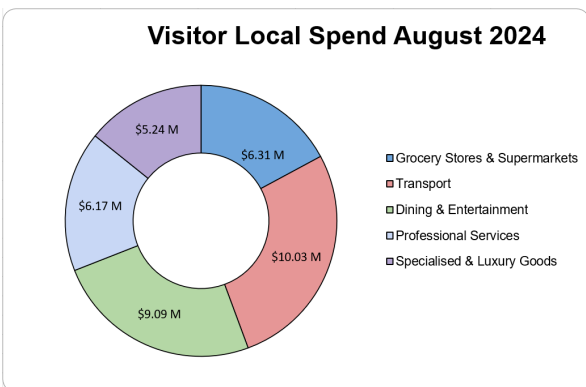
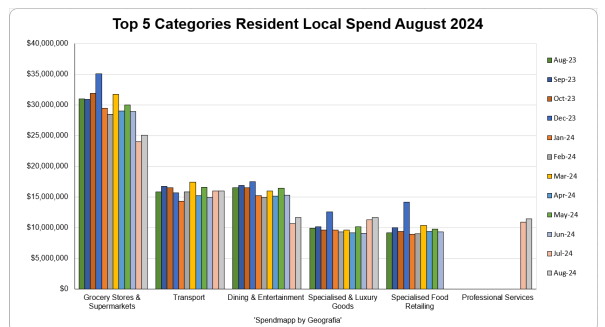
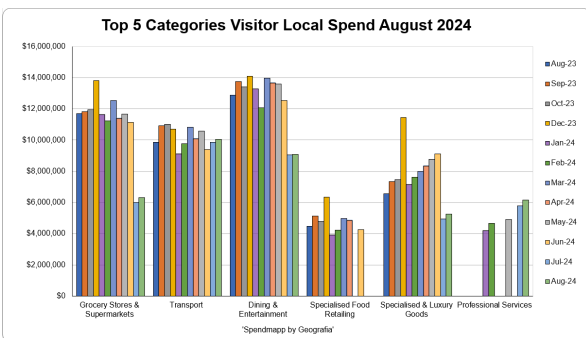
Where: Windsor Mall and George Street
 When: Saturday, 30 November 2024 from 5pm to 9pm

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[Spendmapp](#), developed by Geografia, is an economic modelling tool used by several local government areas to measure consumer spending of locals and visitors geographically using bank data.

The tool helps local Council's and businesses gain a better understanding of the local economy by providing an insight into the visitor economy, online expenditure and escape expenditure. Using the data helps determine patterns of spending and can assist with managing and responding to long term economic trends and shocks.



August's resident local spending increased spending in *Grocery Stores & Supermarkets*, *Professional Services*, *Dining & Entertainment*, and *Specialised & Luxury Goods*, however decreased in *Transport*. Meanwhile, August's visitor spending increased in all categories.

Business News & Updates

Small Business Month

1 - 31 October 2024



Register for NSW Small Business Month events

Registrations are now open for the NSW Small Business Month Expos and events from 1-31 October 2024. Check out some of the informative sessions led by leaders and industry experts!

[Find all events here](#)

Search our Waste Guide



🔍 Enter your address to see your next waste collection



 Hawkesbury
City Council

Check out the Waste Guide

Not sure how much an item costs to take it to the Hawkesbury Waste Management Facility?

Council has launched a new Waste Guide on its website. The Waste Guide offers residents the ability to search for different items to know if they can be recycled or need to be disposed of and in which bin or location.

Hawkesbury Residents can also search an item to find out the cost to take the item to the Hawkesbury Waste Management Facility.

Scan the QR code to search the Waste Guide!

To find fees and charges for commercial customers or small businesses, click [here](#).

[Waste Guide](#)



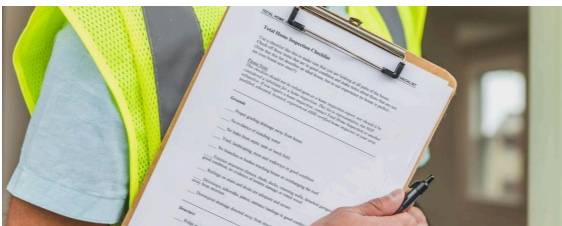
Changes in Food Safety Grower Guidelines

The Fresh Produce Safety Centre of Australia and New Zealand (FPSC) has recently developed 13 Food Safety Grower Guides to fill recognised gaps in industry resources for small growers. The guides provide key information and best practice guidance on food safety for fresh produce growers, from pre-harvest to post-harvest activities.

With the upcoming changes to regulations for leafy vegetables, berries and melons, these guides will also help growers adopt practices that will ensure compliance and help food businesses understand the risks associated with the food that they select. Hawkesbury food businesses should note the Severe Weather Events, Cleaning and Sanitising, and Temperature Management guides.

[Read more](#)

Business Grants & Funding



\$1,000 SafeWork small business rebate

If you are a small business owner in NSW, this \$1,000 rebate will help you purchase safety items to improve work health and safety for you and your workers.

[Read more](#)



Government grants and support for small business

Make sure you're taking advantage of the Federal and NSW State Government support available to small businesses, including grants, loans and rebates:

- [Grants and programs finder | business.gov.au](#)
- [Grants & Programs - Investment NSW](#)
- [Grants and funding | NSW Government](#)

Upcoming Workshops



Developing a finance plan

3 October 2024, 9:30am - 11am (online)

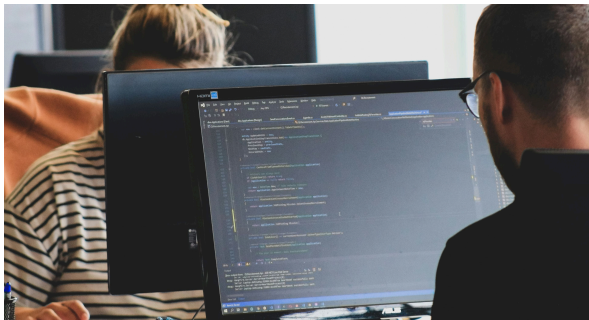
[Register](#)



Winning clients through exceptional customer service

3 October 2024, 10am - 12pm (online)

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Keeping your identity safe webinar

11 October 2024, 10:30am - 11:30am (online)

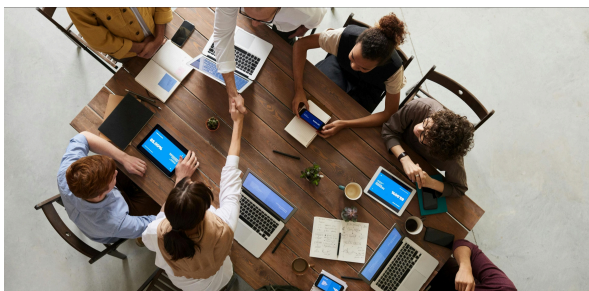
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Create the foundations for a successful business

15 October 2024, 10am - 12pm (online)

[Register](#)



High impact communications skills as business owners

24 October 2024, 10am - 12pm (online)



5-steps to social media marketing success

24 October 2024, 11am - 12:30pm
(online)

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