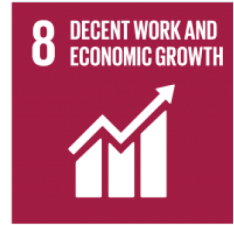


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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HUNTER



### **HUNTER WORKERS**

Hunter Workers is an organisation committed to 'strength in unity' which successfully unite 70,000 workers across 27 Unions to foster communication and solidarity within the Union Community. Hunter Workers is the overall representative body that acts on behalf of all affiliated Unions in the Hunter Region. Established in 1895 it is one of the region's largest community organisations.

### **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - HUNTER REGION**

RDA Hunter leads and facilitates collaborations between industry, education, research and government to help deliver a strong local economy, investment, jobs growth and workforce development in the Hunter region. As part of its future-focused charter to improve the region's international competitiveness – which is dependent on a skilled workforce – RDA Hunter partners industry, schools, VET and university sector providers to develop a cohort of future employees that have technical and enterprise skills. To meet industry needs, our programs ensure participants are familiar with industrial workplaces and are motivated to pursue skilled careers. RDA Hunter's skilled workforce programs are industry led, designed to deliver positive employment outcomes for Hunter Region students and employers. RDA Hunter supports economic development opportunities that leverage the private and public sector within the area as well as connecting the Hunter with industry sectors, international trade partners, financial markets, regional entrepreneurs and business leaders to attract investors to grow local jobs in the region.

### **WONARUAH NATION ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**

The Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation was established in 1999 and represents the Wonnarua people. It focuses on nurturing the history and culture of the Wonnarua Nation, improving the health and education of its members and managing investments to sustain the Corporation's work.

### **HUNTER JOBS ALLIANCE**

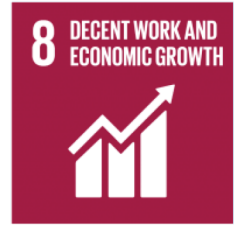
The Hunter Jobs Alliance is a bold new community and union alliance. Grounded in the local, they work with governments and industry to deliver a safe, prosperous future for the Hunter - one in which workers, their families and the environment thrive. They campaign for local and sustainable jobs in energy, manufacturing and supply-chains, food-production, education and health and care, with union agreements and the best possible terms and conditions for workers and communities.

### **VIRTUAL INTERN**

Virtual Intern is an online platform that provides youth with relevant, local, and project-based work experiences to help them transition into meaningful job roles. They work with local businesses to help the next generation understand the breadth of what a career can offer, showcase skills to employers, and secure work.

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### FINANCIAL COUNSELLING HUNTER VALLEY PROJECT

Financial Counselling Hunter Valley Project has been providing a free financial counselling service to the Upper and Lower Hunter for the past 30 years. Their team of experienced financial counsellors are qualified and accredited members of the Financial Counselling Association of NSW & Financial Counselling Australia. They provide a non-judgmental, empathetic & client centred approach to their work. They assist with referrals, exploring options to manage debt, developing budget skills & provide advocacy with creditors & other appropriate agencies.

### CAREER LINKS

Career Links are a community focused, not-for-profit organisation servicing Newcastle and Lake Macquarie. Operating since 2000, they manage and facilitate a range of programs and initiatives which connect young people with business, education, community and families. They help to create links and opportunities for young people to be their best. They do this by providing services, programs and events through partnerships with the education sector business, families, and the community.