

Future of Farming Forum No2

Dungog District Chamber of Commerce (DDCC) in association with the Future of Farming Steering Committee is inviting all businesses interested in the future of farming and related industries in our Shire to join its second forum being held between **4-6pm on Friday 22 July 2022** at the Dungog Memorial RSL.

The aim of the forum is to:

- Facilitate greater involvement of young people in local farming and related ventures
- Showcase local enterprises

Forum No1 identified a range of initiatives which ought to be followed up on including greater involvement of young people in local farming and related ventures. It also identified the need to build stronger networks within the region between people who have an interest in farming and the future of farming in the region. Attached is a copy of the summary report from Forum No1. Some of these suggestions will be subject of a third forum.

We are fortunate to be able to have attend this next forum the main agencies and organisations which are actively involved in the education and training of adolescents of all abilities. These are

- Dungog High School
- Youth Express
- Mai Wel
- Tocal College

All will be represented at the next forum. It is important that we have a strong representation from our wide range of farming and related industries. The transition from being at school to becoming part of the workforce is challenging and complex. Fortunately, there are government services which provide support but everyone has to collaborate and be aware of the opportunities which are available also of the challenges therein.

We missed out showcasing some local enterprises so there will be some more short sessions about the enterprises which make up our local farming industries including:

- Sheep
- Botanicals for skincare
- Beef/Nursery and Agritourism
- Beef/Organic Farming
- Flower production
- Local Food Coop opportunities

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