

Nominations are open for the Murrumbidgee Economic & Tourism Advisory Group (METAG). Appointments will be made from 30 June 2018 for a period of two years.

The objective of the Murrumbidgee Economic & Tourism Advisory Group will be to act as a conduit for information and support to Council in the promotion and advancement of business and tourism development, within the council area and the broader region.

About the Role: The Group's role and purpose is:

- Inform the development and the review of Council's strategic priorities for sustainable economic and tourism growth;
- Represent the small to medium enterprise sector, the local tourism industry and agriculture in industry engagement and consultation processes as convened or approved by Council;
- Make recommendations to Council on matters relating to business and tourism development that assist the growth of a stronger, more diverse local economy;
- Promote the direct and in-direct value and benefits of economic and tourism development within the local area;
- Be a positive advocate for business development within the Murrumbidgee Council area, Western Riverina sub-region, and on a regional, state and national basis.

Meetings:

It is recommended the Group meets no less than half yearly. Additional meetings may be convened by Council in response to emerging issues, a need for advisory services, or for the purpose of local industry consultation. Attendance at industry engagement forums, Government consultation processes, or strategic planning workshops, may be requested by Council from time to time.

Membership:

METAG will comprise not more than 9 business and industry representatives with a mix of business and tourism operators/business owners, and 2 Councillors (including the Mayor). Membership is skills-based, reflective of the local business and tourism industry; voluntary and non-remunerated. Reimbursement of expenses for pre-approved travel outside the local area could be considered.

It is recommended members have practical experience as a business owner or operator, accompanied by currency of skills and knowledge in the small to medium enterprise sector, or in an industry or professional sector relevant to the Murrumbidgee economy. Membership of local industry peak-bodies or associations will be well-regarded.

Recruitment:

Nomination to the Murrumbidgee Economic & Tourism Advisory Group is open to appropriately skilled local business and industry representatives. The Nomination Form is downloadable from Council's website and must be completed by the Nominee. Nominations, on the approved form, should be lodged with the General Manager on or before 5pm on Friday 1 June 2018.

Preferred Lodgement: Email: mail@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au

Hard Copy:	Hand Deliver: To any Council Branch Office	Attention General Manager
	or	
	Post: PO Box 96 Jerilderie NSW 2716	Attention General Manager

Note: Nominees will be contacted prior to appointment to discuss the commitment, objectives and requirements of the role.

Nomination Form

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Location: _____

1. Contact Details

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Email: _____

2. Business Status Cross the appropriate box/s

☐ Owner

☐ Operator

☐ Manager

☐ Employee

Business Size (No. of Full Time Equivalent Employees):

☐ 0-5

☐ 6-19

☐ 20-25

☐ 26-50

☐ 51-99

☐ 100+

Business Sector:

☐ Agriculture/Agricultural Services

☐ Manufacturing

☐ Professional Services

☐ Retail

☐ Trade/Trade Services

☐ Other

(Specify) _____

Tourism Sector

☐ Accommodation

☐ Café/Restaurant

☐ Attractions/Events

☐ Other

(Specify) _____

Are you a member of any local State or Industry peak body or association? eg. Chamber of Commerce/Research Institute/Co-operative

☐ Yes

☐ No

Specify _____

3. Briefly tell us why are you interested in joining METAG and what experience, networks or qualifications you can bring to the role?

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