



muswellbrook shire council

MEDIA RELEASE

UPPER HUNTER WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT FORUM

Cr Martin Rush, the Mayor of Muswellbrook, today announced Muswellbrook would play host to a forum to encourage the participation of Upper Hunter women in local government, during the visit to the Shire by the NSW Executive of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA).

The free Upper Hunter Women in Local Government Forum will be held on Friday, 17 February 2012 from 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm at Muswellbrook Library.

"Local Government elections are to be held in September of this year, and now presents as a good opportunity for a forum to actively encourage Upper Hunter women to participate in local government, both at the elected and executive level", Cr Rush said.

"Women are increasingly taking leadership roles within local government in the Upper Hunter sub-region on elected Councils and in senior officer roles.

"Extending that level of participation should be actively encouraged, which is why Council has resolved to host this important community forum."

Speakers at the Upper Hunter Women in Local Government Forum include Cr Lee Watts, Mayor of Upper Hunter Shire, and Lindy Hyam, General Manager of Singleton Council, and Cr Julie Griffiths, President of the NSW Branch of the Australian Local Government Women's Association.

"I am also pleased the NSW Executive of the Australian Local Government Women's Association will be holding its next Executive meeting in Muswellbrook on Saturday, 18 February", Cr Rush said.

"The Upper Hunter Women in Local Government Forum will be preceded by a presentation by ALGWA to encourage women to stand for election in September.

“I would encourage anyone interested in the promotion of women’s participation in the third tier of government, particularly women considering putting themselves forward as a candidate in the coming local government election to attend this free community forum.”

All residents and local organisations are cordially invited to attend this free forum. Email joshua.brown@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au to RSVP or for any enquiries.

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