
Infrastructure and Community Projects Key to Maitland's Future

Maitland Business Chamber (MBC) is calling on the Federal Government to commit to a number of key infrastructure and community projects in Maitland.

MBC President, Shane Hamilton said, 'Maitland needs immediate help with a range of projects to support our city's continuing rapid growth. Seven people a day are relocating to Maitland, with our population nearing 90,000. We need to maintain and improve liveability, amenity and economic development worthy of this important regional city in the heart of the Hunter Valley'.

MBC has identified seven key projects that will drive economic development and will increase employment opportunities in the region:

- **Maitland Convention Centre**
A 2,000-seat conference and entertainment complex will support business, social, performing arts and educational events for residents and will benefit Maitland's pivotal location close to the Hunter Valley wine country, Port Stephens, and the Upper Hunter Valley.
- **MRI Machine Licence for New Maitland Hospital**
MRI is essential, yet government has to date been slow to approve and apply the necessary licence. The licence must be fast-tracked by government.
- **HMRI Campus at the New Maitland Hospital**
A Hunter Medical Research Institute campus at the new Maitland Hospital will grow HMRI's capacity to conduct more healthy ageing, rehabilitation, preventative (nutrition, exercise physiology etc) and public health research. Encourage a fit and healthy community which encourages a sustainable and prosperous future for Maitland.
- **Community Radio Station**
A radio station that focuses on local news and community matters will provide access to the airwaves for under-represented voices in the region.
- **Completion of Upgrades to the New England Highway**
Hamilton said 'Traffic congestion continues to impact commuters. The last half-hearted attempt to solve this problem at Maitland Railway Station has failed. We were provided with half an overpass. We now more than ever, need the other half of the upgrade as well as improvement of the current Maitland Hospital intersection.
- **Maitland Health Training Hub**
The 'old' Maitland Hospital should be transformed into a unique facility to provide revolutionary training and accreditation for carers and support workers in the ageing and disability sectors. Additionally, allied health care, rehabilitation and respite accommodation should be made available.
- **Weakleys Drive to Raymond Terrace Link Road**
This long-required missing link will relieve pressure on local roads. It is an essential connection between state and national road arteries.

Hamilton said, 'Support for these projects will go towards ensuring our economic future, will produce thousands of jobs during construction and beyond and will confirm that our government and politicians are listening to the people of Maitland'.

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About Maitland Business Chamber

The Maitland Business Chamber is an independent organisation that advocates on behalf of local businesses at a local, state, and federal level to ensure the business community has a voice. We offer a full program of member education and networking events that provide a platform to strengthen business networks, develop new contacts and connect members to maximise business growth opportunities.

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'Old' Maitland Hospital



New England 'Half' Flyover





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Traffic Bottlenecks



Upcoming Maitland Business Chamber Events

- July 29th – Dr Anthea Bill, Lead Economist for the Hunter Research Foundation. Growth of Maitland. **EVENT SOLD OUT**
- August 26th – David Evans GM of Maitland City Council presents the plans for the new financial year. **Tickets available through [Humanitix.com](https://www.humanitix.com)**
- September 30th – The “New” Maitland Hospital Update with Chief Executive of Hunter New England Local Health District, Michael DiRienzo. **Tickets available through [Humanitix.com](https://www.humanitix.com)**