



# Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

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### CONNECT FOR SUCCESS THIS SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

Small business owners and operators are invited to “Connect for Success” at hundreds of NSW Small Business Month events being held during November.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said there are hundreds of events being held across the State to help small businesses learn new skills and strategies for growing their business, and connect with other small business owners.

“Small Business Month is about bringing together small businesses across the State to learn, to collaborate and to celebrate the experience and expertise of our 800,000 small businesses in NSW,” Mr Williams said.

“Small businesses are a vital contributor to our State, employing 1.8 million people and adding more than \$400 billion into the economy every year.

“I encourage local small businesses or those interested in starting a business to get involved and attend one of the many events held this month.”

The theme for Small Business Month, “Connect for Success” points to the importance of business owners, experts and industry leaders coming together to share ideas and build networks after the challenges of the past two years.

Hundreds of organisations are hosting NSW Small Business Month events and activities in November.

So far, 136 not-for-profit organisations, including councils, chambers of commerce and industry associations, have received grants to host events free-of-charge.

Other businesses have signed on as official Collaboration Partners, including Microsoft, Amazon, Commonwealth Bank, NAB, Xero, University of Technology Sydney, NBN Co, Black Dog Institute, TAFE NSW, Business NSW, the ATO and indigenous business incubator, Supply Nation.

Small businesses have a variety of ways to participate in Small Business Month, including attending live online events and connecting in-person at events in their local area.

For more information on NSW Small Business Month events go to [www.smallbusinessmonth.nsw.gov.au](http://www.smallbusinessmonth.nsw.gov.au).

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