

**Press Release**

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## October is Small Business Month – MBF Celebrates with New Leadership and Free Events for the Community

**Port Macquarie, NSW** – September 20, 2025 – October marks *Small Business Month* in NSW, and the Micro Business Forum (MBF) is putting local business owners in the spotlight with a renewed commitment to connection, collaboration, and community.



***We're a community where business owners support each other, share knowledge, and enjoy the journey together. (MBF Committee: Sitting Judith Jackson Treasurer; Standing from left - Barbara Smith and Edgard Lopez both committee members; Veronica Lind Vice President, Alison Carroll President and Lyn Richardson Secretary. Absent Glenda Hamilton Membership Secretary.)***

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Fresh from its Annual General Meeting on 17 September 2025, MBF proudly introduces its new committee, a dynamic team of business leaders who will continue driving the organisation's mission of supporting small business owners across the Hastings region.

- President: Alison Carroll
- Vice President: Veronica Lind
- Secretary: Lyn Richardson
- Treasurer: Judith Jackson
- Membership Secretary: Glenda Hamilton
- Committee Members: Barbara Smith and Edgard Lopez

*"Small business is the heartbeat of our community," said Alison Carroll, MBF's newly appointed President. "As we celebrate Small Business Month, MBF is proud to provide platforms where local businesses can connect, showcase their talents, and thrive."*

## Two Free Events to Celebrate Small Business Month

To mark the occasion, MBF is hosting two free events designed to help small business owners make valuable connections while inviting the public to show their support.

### [Coffee Connect – Thursday, 9 October 2025, 10am](#)

Venue: *Little Shack, Port Macquarie*

Meet, mingle, and make new connections in a relaxed setting. Attendees only need to pay for their own coffee.

[Event details here](#)

### [MBF Small Business Mini Expo – Wednesday, 15 October 2025, 5:30pm](#)

Venue: *Charles Sturt University, Innovation Hub, 7 Major Innes Rd, Port Macquarie NSW*

Open to the public with a gold coin donation. This expo showcases the diverse talent of MBF members and the wider small business community.

Special for MBF members: book a free table to display or sell products and services, plus receive a professionally written article published on the *Brilliant-Online* media platform to boost their business.

[Book a Free Table at Mini Expo](#) | [Event details here](#)



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### Always Backing Small Business

For more than 22 years, MBF has been the go-to organisation for micro and small business owners in the Hastings region, offering networking, learning, and collaboration opportunities.

Membership is just \$70 per year, less than the cost of dinner for two, and provides year-round benefits including events, exposure, and a supportive business community.

[Join MBF here](#)

*"MBF is more than a business network," said Vice President Veronica Lind. "It's a place where small business owners learn, grow, and are constantly supported, throughout the year, not just during Small Business Month."*

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### About Micro Business Forum (MBF)

The [Micro Business Forum \(MBF\)](#) is Port Macquarie's longest-running small business network dedicated to supporting micro and small businesses. For over two decades, MBF has empowered local entrepreneurs through events, mentoring, and community connections, making business ownership less isolating and more rewarding.

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