

# HUNTER INNOVATION FESTIVAL

## 3-16 MAY 2021



## What's On?

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**3RD MON** **Funding Roadmap**  
Are you involved in the innovation journey? Get the support you need to bring your innovation to market. [↗](#)

**3RD MON**  
📍 AusIndustry  
📍 I2N Hub Hunter St  
🕒 8:00am - 9:00am **👤**

**Activating Renewable Energy Industrial Precincts in the Hunter**  
The Hunter: Repowering Australian manufacturing. [↗](#)

**3RD MON**  
📍 Beyond Zero Emissions  
📍 Newcastle City Hall  
🕒 4:00pm - 6:45pm **👤**

**NSW Spatial Innovation Seminar**  
Learn about developments of the NSW Spatial Digital Twin and the digital data collaborations going on between government and the private sector. [↗](#)

**3RD MON**  
📍 Surveying & Spatial Sciences Institute  
📍 NUspace  
🕒 5:00pm - 7:00pm **👤**

**4TH TUE** **Achieving More with Less in a Digital Era**  
Digital Transformation diagnostic model for digital leaders in Government, Health, Utilities and NFP. [↗](#)

**4TH TUE**  
📍 EcoSystm / Best Case Scenario  
📍 Virtual only  
🕒 10:00am - 11:00am **👤**

**The Pepper Code - Hack-a-thon (All skill levels catered to.)**  
Over 3 nights build and code new interactions for Newcastle Libraries library assistant, Pepper the Robot. [↗](#)

**4TH TUE**  
📍 City of Newcastle  
📍 Digital Library, Lvl 1, 12 Stewart Ave.  
🕒 4:00pm - 7:00pm **👤**  
4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May

**NSW Sensing Industry Connect**  
Brings together the NSW sensing industry - designers, developers, manufacturers and deployers of sensors - for an evening of drinks and networking. [↗](#)

**4TH TUE**  
📍 NSW Smart Sensing Network  
📍 IDC Building, 130 University Drive.  
🕒 5:00pm - 7:00pm **👤**

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**5TH TUE**

**Startup Stories - Jennifer Holland (Throat Scope)**  
Hear the Experiences of an Entrepreneur and Business Owner: The highs, the lows, the wins, the mistakes, the inside story. [🔗](#)

 University of Newcastle's I2N  
 I2N Hub Hunter St  
 8:00am - 9:00am 





**Students and Startups**  
Learn from University of Newcastle students who have started their own business. [🔗](#)

 The Innovation + Entrepreneurship Society  
 I2N Hub Hunter St  
 5:30pm - 7:00pm 




**Hunter Manufacturing Awards (HMA) 2021 Launch**  
The HMA profiles and promotes manufacturers across the Hunter, Central Coast and mid North Coast. [🔗](#)

 Hunter Manufacturing Awards  
 15 Dell Road West Gosford  
 5:30pm - 7:30pm 



**Awesome Newcastle May**  
Awesome Newcastle is a no-strings-attached local grant give away for can-do people with good ideas! [🔗](#)

 Awesome Newcastle  
 The Criterion  
 6:00pm - 8:00pm 

**Discover Internet of Things (IoT) @ Lake Mac - Charlestown**  
Get hands on and learn about how you can use Lake Macquarie City Council's Community IoT Network. [🔗](#)





 Lake Macquarie City Council  
 Charlestown Library  
 6:00pm - 7:30pm 

**City of Newcastle National Innovation Games**  
Innovation challenge to advance the commitment the CoN has made to develop disability inclusions initiatives. [🔗](#)





 City of Newcastle, Padd  
 Newcastle  
 8:00am - 6:00pm 

**6TH THU**





**Local is the New Superpower**  
A workshop to think BIG and help create the map to a brighter future for Newcastle. Featuring Gilbert RoucheCouste. [🔗](#)

 City of Newcastle, New Local  
 Fort Scratchley Function Centre  
 7:00am and 9:30am 





**Men's Shed on Show**  
Short tour and explanation of what we do for the community and what we offer our members. [🔗](#)

 Newcastle Men's Shed  
 99 Beaumont Street Hamilton  
 10:00am - 12:00pm 





**Designing for the Circular Economy**  
This workshop introduces you to the concepts of design, design thinking and systems thinking, and how they apply to the circular economy. [🔗](#)

 Go Circular  
 Eighteen04, 91 Parry St  
 10:00am - 12:00pm 





**Innovation Bar Hop - Nifty Networking**  
Bar hop night with a number of key advisors and successful start-up founders available at each bar to network with other start up founders. [🔗](#)

 Morrissey Law & Advisory  
 Various, Newcastle  
 4:00pm - 7:00pm 

**Tech Play @ Lake Mac - Toronto**  
Try your hand at coding with Ozbots, engineering with Snap Circuits, explore the virtual world in the VR lab and more! [🔗](#)

 Lake Macquarie City Council  
 Toronto Library  
 4:00pm - 7:00pm 

**Wine & Code**  
Join us for this fun, interactive experience where you'll learn to use HTML, CSS, and Javascript [🔗](#)





 General Assembly  
 GA Sydney Campus / Virtual  
 5:30pm - 8:00pm 

**7TH FRI**





**Walk The Talk - Modernising manufacturing with Circular economies**  
 ASR Recruitment  
 Marina Views Function Centre  
 12:00pm - 2:00pm 

**8TH SAT**

**Discover Internet of Things (IoT) @ Lake Mac - Belmont**  
Get hands on and learn about how you can use Lake Macquarie City Council's Community IoT Network. [🔗](#)




 Lake Macquarie City Council  
 Belmont Library  
 10:00am - 11:30am 

**IQ Talk**  
An event for thought leaders, change agents and all those driving the Hunter towards a smart and innovative future. [🔗](#)

 City of Newcastle  
 Civic Theatre  
 6:00pm - 7:30pm 





**9TH SUN**

**Discover Internet of Things (IoT) @ Lake Mac Toronto**  
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 Lake Macquarie City Council  
 Toronto Library  
 10:00am - 11:30am 

**10TH MON**

**An Introduction to Product - Market Fit**  
Workshop + Toolbox: Make sure your great idea or new venture doesn't become just another stat. [🔗](#)

 Lena Vestad Hansen + Josh Jeffress  
 The Business Centre, Newcastle  
 11:30am - 1:00pm 





**Innovation in Equine**  
Hunter Innovation Festival meets Scone Horse Festival to celebrate Innovation in Equine. [🔗](#)

 AusIndustry / Australian Equine Exporting Services  
 TAFE NSW - 26 Main St, Scone  
 5:00pm - 7:30pm 







### Pitch Night with Hunter Angels and Port of Newcastle

Hear pitches from three local companies, critiqued by representatives from Hunter Angels and Port of Newcastle. [↗](#)

-  Hunter Angels Limited
-  NUspace, Auckland and Hunter St
-  5:00pm - 7:30pm 





### Secrets of a Second City - Shaking up business in the Hunter

We discuss how the Hunter is shaking off its reputation as an industrial city to a hotspot for innovative minds and businesses. [↗](#)

-  Morrissey Law & Advisory
-  Newcastle
-  12:00pm - 2:00pm 





### Discover Internet of Things (IoT) @ Lake Mac - Morisset

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-  Lake Macquarie City Council
-  Morisset Library
-  6:00pm - 7:30pm 





### 2021 Upper Hunter Inspirations Conference

A full day event focussed on inspiring stories of recovery and growth. [↗](#)

-  Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce and Industry
-  Muswellbrook RSL Auditorium
-  9:00am - 5:00pm 





### I2N Programs Info Session

Join us for an overview of programs that support entrepreneurs and innovators to go from idea to impact. [↗](#)

-  University of Newcastle's I2N
-  Virtual only
-  12:00pm - 1:00pm 





### Interactive Internet of Things Meetup

Interactive event with attendees actively engaging and coding the IoT hardware/software to implement the solution. [↗](#)

-  SAPHI Engineering
-  Dashworks Workspace, Charlestown
-  6:30pm - 9:00pm 





### Discover Internet of Things (IoT) @ Lake Mac - Speers Point

Get hands on and learn about how you can use Lake Macquarie City Council's Community IoT Network. [↗](#)

-  Lake Macquarie City Council
-  Speers Point Library
-  6:00pm - 7:30pm 





### Success x Design

A leadership 'un-conference' where RRR women will learn innovative ways to drive forward their leadership journey. [↗](#)

-  RegionalCollab & Seek + Deploy
-  Muswellbrook
-  2:00pm - 5:00pm 





### How to turn your Practical Experience into a Profitable Product

The key things you need to nail to turn your ideas into profitable new products. [↗](#)

-  Robotic Systems
-  11 McIntosh Drive, Unit 3 Mayfield West
-  6:30pm - 7:30pm 





### Youth-led innovation - Enhancing the skills and capacity of the next generation of innovators.

Learn about what the Hunter has to offer our young people and the education community. [↗](#)

-  Hunter Young Business Minds
-  The Owens Collective
-  5:30pm - 7:00pm 





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


### Digital Manufacturing - a new way of working

3D printing presentation including demonstration of Evatronix high accuracy scanning technology. [↗](#)

-  Ryan Papworth + Paul Charlton
-  Newcastle
-  10:00am - 12:00pm 





### Site Tour at Hedweld

Visit Hedweld's expanded site, renowned for its innovative products in the agricultural, mining and earthmoving industries. [↗](#)

-  Hedweld Group of Companies
-  5 Thrift Close, Mount Thorley
-  10:00am - 12:00pm 





### Intellectual Property Essentials: Ensuring brilliance thrives

Learn the strategies you can use to protect your IP rights and manage IP risk. [↗](#)

-  Davies Collison Cave
-  NUspace, Auckland and Hunter St
-  5:30pm - 7:00pm 





### Developing the Skills of Tomorrow

St Philip's Cessnock reveals their cutting-edge, award-winning Stage 5 and 6 pedagogical practices and how they implemented it. [↗](#)

-  St Philip's Christian College
-  10 Lomas Lane, Nulkaba
-  6:30pm - 8:30pm 





### The Impact of Growth on Community

Get up close and personal with the Entrepreneurs Organisation & Michael Batko CEO of Startmate. [↗](#)

-  Entrepreneurs Organisation, City of Newcastle
-  48 Watt Street, Newcastle
-  6:00pm - 9:00pm 





### Conscious Leadership - Transforming the Future of Business

Join us for a panel discussion to uncover authentic purpose and build conscious strategy for companies. [↗](#)

-  INNIX
-  61 - 63 Parry Street
-  6:30pm - 8:30pm 

### Initiate 48

A guided experience for high school students to build a business in 48 hours. [↗](#)


-  Generation Entrepreneur and I2N
  -  NUspace, Auckland and Hunter St
  -  9:00am - 5:00pm 
- 15th + 16th May

12TH WED


13TH THU

14TH FRI

15TH FRI

Hybrid event: 

Online event only: 





Face to face event only: 

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-  Charlestown Library
-  11:30am - 1:00pm 





### Innovator Support Program @ Lake Mac - Finalist Pitch Event

Join us online or in person to hear the pitches from finalists for Council's Innovator Support Program. [🔗](#)

- Lake Macquarie City Council
- Charlestown Library
- 2:00pm - 5:00pm 





### Live Music and Tech @ Pearson St Mall

Enjoy live music and food alongside new tech and artworks installed at Pearson St Mall, Charlestown. [🔗](#)

-  Lake Macquarie City Council
-  Pearson St Mall
-  5:00pm - 9:00pm 

### Heart Open at the Innovation Festival




Explores themes of regeneration and resilience with live music, dance, discussion and performance. [🔗](#)

-  Heart Open, Hunter Writers Centre
-  The Lock Up
-  6:00pm - 9:00pm 

16TH SAT

### Discover Internet of Things (IoT) @ Lake Mac - Swansea

Get hands on and learn about how you can use Lake Macquarie City Council's Community IoT Network. [🔗](#)

-  Lake Macquarie City Council
-  Swansea Library
-  2:00pm - 3:30pm 