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### **FACEBOOK FOR BUSINESS WORKSHOP A SUCCESS**

Facebook for Business More than 30 Richmond Valley businesses attended Council's free Welcome to Facebook workshop last week at the Casino Community and Cultural Centre. The workshop was designed to establish the basics of Facebook for Business, targeted to those businesses who want to reach into the homes of consumers and show them what they have to offer. The two-hour workshop introduced beginners to social media, its benefits....



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### **SPECIAL RATE VARIATION CONSULTATION BEGINS**

Community forums and a community telephone survey are starting in the Richmond Valley Council area to discuss a general rate rise. The telephone survey, undertaken by Sydney-based company Micromex Research, will begin next week and meetings will be held the following week at the Casino Community and Cultural on Monday 9 December and the Evans Head Surf Club on Tuesday 10 December, both starting 7pm...



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### WIFI HOTSPOTS, COMING TO A TOWN NEAR YOU?

We all like to stay connected and this will be easier and cheaper in our town centres as Council considers plans to provide free wifi connectivity to enable shoppers and browsers to send messages, surf the Internet and keep up to date with their social networking. The free service will help to

### FEATURED EVENTS

#### December:

Christmas Street Party Walker Street, Casino Lions Club Carols by Candlelight
BIG4 Casino Resort Community Meeting: Special Rate Variation Casino Community and Cultural Centre Community Meeting: Special Rate Variation Evans Head Surf Life Saving Club Community Carols Surf Club Grass, Main Candlelight
Riverside Park, Woodburn
Christmas Film Night
Riverside Reserve, Coraki
Carols by Fireworks
(Rescheduled)

### January:

Main Beach Great Eastern Fly In Evans Head Memorial Aerodrome Australia Day Art Prize Day Celebrations Various locations, Coraki

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make our town centres livelier and vibrant places in which to spend time. Given the growing influence digital connectivity has on our daily lives ...

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## ARANYANI, A NEW RICHMOND VALLEY TOURISM ADVENTURE

Aranyani Bison Adventure Tourist Park is the latest new and exciting experience for visitors to the Richmond Valley. The grand opening on Thursday 19 December is the culmination of four years of planning and building animal enclosures, onsite activities and safety measures for overnight stays. Located in Myrtle Creek between Casino and Grafton, the adventure park is a working American bison ranch with some of the best of the Australian bush in coastal NSW. The unique accommodation...



## HOP ON THE SMALL BUSINESS BUS

The economic development team recently negotiated with the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner to have Casino included in the Small Biz Bus program and we strongly encourage all local businesses to take advantage of the services on offer.

General Manager John Walker said it was really important for small business operators to take a step back occasionally to reassess what they were doing and think about where they were heading ...

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