



Expression of Interest – Contract Catering Operator

Muswellbrook Race Club is about to complete a \$6 million renovation and expansion of its function centre. The MRC anticipates significant growth in membership, corporate bookings, weddings, and private functions. This presents an attractive opportunity for a caterer seeking to grow alongside a modernised and expanding venue.

Muswellbrook Race Club is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably experienced caterers to operate food services at the MRC under a commercial arrangement. With an emphasis on fast-paced restaurant or bistro-style service on race days, complemented by fine dining for wedding receptions and functions.

Located in the beautiful Upper Hunter Valley, Muswellbrook is surrounded by renowned horse studs, wineries, and agricultural industries, attracting both local patrons and visitors to the region. This setting provides an ideal platform for a caterer looking to showcase quality produce and premium dining experiences.

The successful caterer will be granted access to the Club's brand new commercial kitchen, dining and service areas that can host up to 200 patrons. This provides the opportunity to operate on at least 18 race days per year with additional corporate functions and wedding receptions.

Scope of Opportunity:

- Operation of food services on race days, corporate functions, weddings, and events
- Delivery of a high-end menu combining fine dining and à la carte options, aligned with the Club's upgraded facilities and clientele
- Use of the Club's state-of-the-art commercial kitchen and dining facilities
- Responsibility for menu planning, pricing, and service delivery
- Recruit, manage, and maintain an appropriately skilled team to support kitchen and service operations
- Collaboration with the MRC Events and Marketing Co-ordinator on event planning and delivery
- Compliance with all relevant food safety, licensing, insurance, and WHS requirements

Expression of Interest should include:

- Details of relevant catering experience, including evidence of managing high-volume service with large numbers of guests
- Proposed menus concept and style
- Business structure and availability
- Evidence of required licences, insurance, and food safety compliance
- Details of previous experience in hospitality or event-based venues, including evidence of managing front-of-house and back-of-house staff

Facility inspections are available on request, and shortlisted applicants will be invited to further discussions regarding contract terms.

For further information call General Manager, Christine Williams, on 0417 481 956 and email your EOI to gm@muswellbrookraceclub.com.au.

Closing date: 3 February 2026