



CENTRAL COAST FOOD MANUFACTURING INNOVATION HUB

A National Centre of Excellence for Food
& Beverage Manufacturing

DRIVING INNOVATION. BUILDING SKILLS. GROWING THE REGION.

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Where manufacturers
grow stronger, faster,
together.

ABOUT THE **HUB**

The Central Coast Food Manufacturing Innovation Hub (The Hub) is a landmark **\$17.14 million** project transforming the future of food and beverage manufacturing in regional NSW.

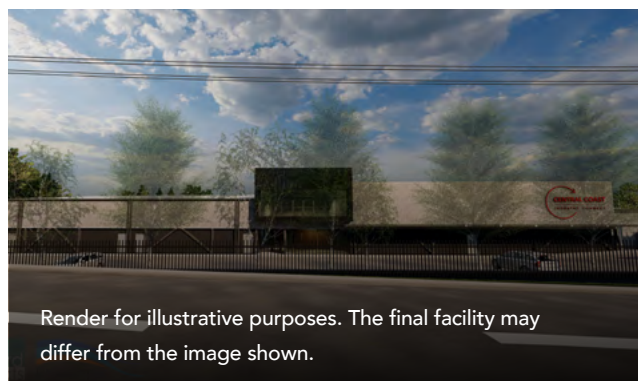
Leadership and Partnerships

Spearheaded by Central Coast Industry Connect (CCIC) with the support of the Australian Government, University of Newcastle, Central Coast Council and Regional Development Australia Central Coast, the Hub represents a collaborative investment in innovation, training and regional growth.

Opening and Facilities

Opening in March 2026 at Ourimbah, the Hub will bring together state of the art facilities, pilot scale production infrastructure and integrated training spaces under one roof.

Food and beverage manufacturers of all sizes will benefit from the Hub's facilities and support services. For SMEs, purpose-built spaces and a connected ecosystem will enable rapid, cost-effective scaling, while the Hub helps build the skilled workforce and talent pipeline to drive future industry growth.



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\$2 BILLION CENTRAL COAST
FOOD SECTOR.

Vision and Impact

The Central Coast Food Manufacturing Innovation Hub is more than a facility, it represents a new way of working. By providing SMEs with access to infrastructure and expertise often out of reach, the Hub levels the playing field and helps high-potential businesses scale quickly to reach new markets. For larger manufacturers, the Hub offers opportunities to accelerate product and packaging development and strengthen organisational capability.

Equally, the Hub is designed as a gathering place for manufacturers, researchers, educators, students and service providers. By fostering collaboration, shared learning and close connections, it will create an environment that accelerates growth, drives innovation, and builds workforce capability.

This vision positions the Hub as a national centre of excellence in food and beverage manufacturing. It will amplify the region's \$2 billion food and beverage manufacturing sector, create high-value jobs, and lay the foundations for sustainable industry development and long-term economic growth.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The Hub exists to unlock the full potential of the Central Coast's **\$2 billion** food and beverage manufacturing by fostering innovation, strengthening skills and driving business growth.

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Turning ideas into impact for the Central Coast and beyond.



CORE OBJECTIVES



INNOVATION & COMMERCIALISATION

- Enable SMEs to scale through purpose built manufacturing spaces and pilot production facilities.
- Support new product development, regulatory compliance and market access.



REGIONAL BUSINESS GROWTH

- Attract new food and beverage enterprises and investment to the Central Coast.
- Encourage supply chain collaboration and co-location of businesses.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Deliver practical industry-led training to upskill sector workers and promote job readiness for new industry entrants.
- Provide inclusion focused programs for Aboriginal people, women and young people and fuel the pipeline of skilled talent for industry.



ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Create direct and indirect jobs
- Attract investment and boost exports, strengthening regional competitiveness.



A STATE OF THE ART FACILITY BUILT FOR **INNOVATION** AND **GROWTH**

WHAT THE HUB **OFFERS**



PURPOSE-BUILT, PRODUCTION-READY FACILITIES

- Food-grade spaces designed for scalable manufacturing
- Pilot manufacturing equipment to support prototyping and agile innovation
- Shared infrastructure lowers costs and reduces barriers, particularly for SMEs



MODERN TRAINING SPACES & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Modern training facilities to support practical skills and workforce development activities delivered by CCIC and expert partners
- Building on the proven CCIC Interim Skills Hub model (launched 2024), already preparing a talent pipeline and supporting business capability



MANUFACTURING ADVANCEMENT CENTRE

- Tailored mentoring and expert guidance
- Support across compliance, sustainability and market access
- Advice to scale production and strengthen capability



COLLABORATIVE ECOSYSTEM & INDUSTRY NETWORKS

- Direct connections with like-minded SMEs located in the Hub
- Embedded in the wider network of manufacturers, service providers, researchers and educators
- Opportunities for collaboration, capability building, innovation and regional economic growth

OPPORTUNITIES AT THE HUB

For SMEs

Small and medium manufacturers will benefit from the Hub's purpose-built, production-ready facilities, shared infrastructure and flexible tenancy options. By accessing equipment, expertise and networks that are normally out of reach, SMEs can scale quickly and cost-effectively, while reducing risk and building competitive advantage.

For Larger Manufacturers

With direct access to training programs, pilot technologies, industry networks, project partners and talent pipelines, larger manufacturers can enhance workforce and organisational capabilities, competitiveness and growth.

For the Wider Network

The Hub connects manufacturers with educators, researchers and service providers in a collaborative network where expertise and resources are shared. This creates mutual benefits as manufacturers gain the support they need to grow, while partners strengthen their industry links, build capability and contribute to the growth of the Central Coast's food and beverage sector.

EXPRESSIONS OF
INTEREST FOR TENANCY
ARE **NOW** OPEN

See our dedicated Tenancy
Brochure for details.



2024

Interim Skills Hub
launched



2025

Construction
underway



2026

Hub opening and
tenancies available

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Collaboration at the
core, growth as the
outcome.



LOCATION AND CONTACT



Address: 2-4 Brownlee Street, Ourimbah, NSW

Location Highlights

- Adjacent to Ourimbah Train Station and bus routes
- Easy access to Pacific Highway and M1
- Close to University of Newcastle (Ourimbah Campus) and TAFE NSW (Ourimbah Campus).
- Just over 1 hour to Sydney and Newcastle
- Central to Gosford, Wyong and major food processors

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At the heart of the Central Coast – Connected, accessible and built for growth.

The Hub is led by Central Coast Industry Connect (CCIC), the region's peak manufacturing network. For over 12 years, CCIC has strengthened collaboration between manufacturers, educators, suppliers and government, building capability and driving tangible outcomes. Its action-oriented leadership is recognised across the sector, aligned to a clear vision of a vibrant, innovative manufacturing industry that delivers sustained growth and employment for the Central Coast community.

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