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Windsor 'wows' locals with culinary skills

The Member for New England, Tony Windsor joined more than 80 of his state and federal colleagues across New South Wales who were put to work as part of the NSW Business Chamber's annual *Pollies for Small Business* program.

Tony took his turn behind the counter at the Australian Café in Inverell. Under the stewardship of owner Leslie Green and co-workers Annie Herman and Cathy Johnson, Tony did his part by flipping burgers, making sandwiches and delivering food orders to tables....much to the amusement and delight of the customers.

Tony treated his own staff member and local media to a specially made 'Windsor' lunch as part of the experience of being in a small business operator's shoes for a day.

"The *Pollies for Small Business* concept is a good one and I thoroughly enjoy participating each year. While brief, the experience is a great reminder of the vital role small business plays, particularly in regional areas." Mr Windsor said.

Kevin MacDonald, CEO of NSW Business Chamber said with much of the focus often on the big picture issues, some politicians can at times lose sight of the concerns of small business.

"*Pollies for Small Business* puts our politicians at the coalface and gives small business operators the chance to raise their concerns directly with their local MP", said Mr MacDonald.

"Last year 83 State and Federal politicians took part from the major parties, greens and independents, including the Premier and NSW Opposition Leader.

"This is a great program. It helps businesspeople and MPs understand one another better and we should encourage and support any measures that can help achieve that", Mr MacDonald concluded.

The NSW Business Chamber *Pollies for Small Business* program is run in cooperation with the local Chamber of Commerce network.

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