



Greg Piper, MP
Member for Lake Macquarie



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Greg Piper Rolls Up His Sleeves For Small Business

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, joined more than 80 of his state and federal colleagues across New South Wales as they are put to work as part of the NSW Business Chamber's annual *Pollies for Small Business* program.

Mr Piper worked at Morisset Newsagency in Dora St Morisset from 9am to 11am on Wednesday 13 August 2008.

"Small business plays a key role in providing jobs in Lake Macquarie and it is important that decision-makers understand the challenges they face," Mr Piper said. "It's also important for the public to know how important small businesses are in providing services and employment locally."

Rosmairi Okeno, of the Southlake Business Chamber and Community Alliance, said the *Pollies for Small Business* program is a practical way of ensuring politicians have a better understanding of what it is really like to be a small business owner.

"Small businesses play a vital role in local communities, so it's important that decision-makers understand how laws and regulations impact on businesses," she said.

Kevin MacDonald, CEO of NSW Business Chamber said with much of the focus often on the big picture issues, it's important for politicians remember 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.