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**FROM AGRICULTURE TO MINING:** Guest speaker John Richards of The Bloomfield Group.

# Business community backs hospital

A group of Hunter business people has rallied to support the Maitland Hospital Foundation.

Pitcher Partners hosted the fundraising lunch at Maitland Regional Art Gallery on November 9, which was sponsored by Marathon Tyres.

The Bloomfield Group CEO and managing director John Richards was the guest speaker at the event and told his fascinating story of moving from an agricultural back-

ground into the world of mining.

The lunch was one of a series of events that the hospital foundation has held with successful local business people telling their stories.

Previous speakers have included Brian McGuigan, Robert Cameron, Hilton Grugeon and Alex Abrahams.

Money raised at the events has helped contribute to the resources at Maitland Hospital, as well as hospitals in surrounding districts, to

ensure they could continue to provide comprehensive, high-quality health services to the community.

"Local businesses benefit from these types of lunches from hearing from leading local business people about their lessons in business as well contributing to the community," foundation chairman and managing partner of Pitcher Partners Greg Farrow said.

The next lunch is expected to be held next February or March.