



Ty Brennock
President

Our community is interconnected in many ways

Our University celebrates 50 years this year, and hearing from the Vice Chancellor and President, Professor Caroline McMillen in April, was a great way to remind Club members of just how important an institution the University of Newcastle is to this town.

An institution in the truest sense of the word, a show of hands indicated approximately 80 per cent of the 80 attendees at this month's luncheon were graduates. This is a tight-knit town with a huge future, and it's nice to be reminded every now-and-then. It's also the case for the Club and University. It's exciting times!

For our May luncheon we welcome Richard Jones to make an address on behalf of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. Recently awarded a new contract to provide aeromedical retrieval services through 2017, and off into the horizon.

We often see one of the fleet of four helicopters take off from Broadmeadow as we drive past, or hear them overhead. But we don't always think about the huge contribution they provide to our greater community, servicing those who are most likely having the worst day of their lives. Corporate and community support keep the propellers spinning for this vital service, so it will be interesting to hear how they maintain it all. Tickets are available now through www.newcastlebusinessclub.com.au

Our June special event luncheon featuring former Prime

Minister John Howard is now officially sold out! With strong support from our event sponsors McCloy Group, McGuigan Wines (who are providing matched wines to the two-course meal) and Hunter Land, it is set to be the biggest and most prominent speaking event in the region for 2015, and possibly in the Club's 82 year history.

Our former PM will address the impact of China on the global economy, a relevant speech for us Novocastrians. This will be followed by a hosted Q&A session, so please forward your questions to me for consideration. Your best suggestions will be asked. So we hope you have secured your ticket and can make the event!

In July we will welcome Nick Bowditch, who is the only person in Asia-Pacific to have worked at both Facebook and Twitter. And the only person in the world to have worked in marketing at both brands. He will talk to us about how we can better connect, both online and offline.

An exciting program will extend through the rest of 2015, and will be revealed as the months very quickly approach us, and you won't be disappointed. Expect to hear from speakers in IT, our port, development, automotive, media and hospitality industries before the year is out.

I would also like to remind you to update your membership subscription if you haven't done so. Please feel free to touch base if you are unsure of your current membership status.

With kind regards,
Ty Brennock
2015 President

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Upcoming speakers & events

May Luncheon

Tuesday, 12 May
12pm - 1.30pm

Harbourview
Function Centre



Richard Jones
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Richard Jones General Manager Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Richard Jones has been General Manager of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service for 17 years. He has outstanding leadership skills and vision and has been responsible for building the organisation into a reputable and respected part of the emergency service network in the Hunter and Northern NSW.

Richard was instrumental in expanding the Service to the New England and North West of the state by establishing a base at Tamworth Airport with a fully crewed Bell 407 helicopter in the year 2000. He built links with other health and emergency service partners and ensured the success of the operation by gaining widespread community and political support. He has also initiated and overseen major capital

works at the Newcastle base including hangar extensions, an underground aircraft refuelling system, a marketing room and new crew sleeping quarters.

The organisation purchased a fourth helicopter in 2011, a twin engined Bell 412EP that was purchased and modified extensively in Canada before being airfreighted to Australia and introduced into service at the Newcastle Base in August 2011.

In December 2012 the NSW Government extended the Service's aeromedical contract until May 2014 to allow it to consider the findings and recommendations of a statewide Aeromedical Review undertaken by consultants Ernst & Young in 2012. Recently they has been awarded a contract to ensures the service continues from 2017 well into the future.

July Luncheon

Tuesday, 14 July
12pm - 1.30pm

Harbourview
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Nick Bowditch

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Nick Bowditch is the only person in Asia-Pacific to have worked at both Facebook and Twitter. And the only person in the world to have worked in marketing at both brands.

He is a thought-leader in social media, works extensively in the startup ecosystem in Australia and internationally as both an advisor and investor, and is a sought-after keynote speaker.

He has a passion for learning and development, organisational design, storytelling, gamification, social media and small business - particularly startups after he started, built and sold three of his own tech startups before being recruited by Facebook to start and build their small business marketing team for Australia and New Zealand.

He then moved to work at Twitter where he was the Small Business Evangelist, helping

small businesses and startups to power up their business on the platform.

Now he has founded The Mentoring Club - 'The Uber of Mentoring' - where all of the best business brains are assembled for you to choose a mentor from.

He travels nationally and internationally speaking at conferences and inspiring others to take the leap into their own startups as well as working with big brands helping them connect to small businesses and their communities better - both online and offline.

He is also a husband and dad to a small tribe on the Central Coast, where he and his wife Kelly have four children under six years old.

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L-R: President Ty Brennock & Professor Caroline McMillen



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John Howard to speak at the Club

The Newcastle Business Club, in partnership with McCloy Group, McGuigan Wines and Hunter Land, is proud to welcome a premier VIP guest for our Tuesday, 9 June 2015 luncheon, former Prime Minister the Hon. John Winston Howard, OM, AC.

This special edition two-course luncheon with matching wines courtesy of McGuigan Wines, will be held in the Concert Hall at Newcastle City Hall over two hours, and will feature a keynote speech from Australia's most successful Prime Minister, on the impact of China on the global economy. This will be followed by a more candid Q&A session. Send in your question suggestions now!

John Winston Howard, born 26 July 1939, served as Australia's Prime Minister between March 1996 and November 2007. He is the nation's second longest serving Prime Minister, was a member of Parliament for 33 years, and was previously Treasurer in Fraser government.

Under his leadership Australia enjoyed continued economic growth averaging 3.6% per annum. His government delivered major economic reform in the areas of taxation, workplace relations, privatisation and welfare. \$96 billion of government debt was repaid during the time in office of the Howard Government. When it left office in November 2007 the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia had no net debt, and its budget was in surplus. This strong fiscal position was a major reason why Australia suffered relatively few consequences from the global financial crisis.

Mr. Howard is a Companion of the Order of Australia and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States by President George W Bush. In January 2012 Queen Elizabeth II appointed Mr. Howard to the Order of Merit.

This luncheon is now SOLD OUT.

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