



Ty Brennock
President

Club rejuvenation on track

During June we hosted former Prime Minister The Hon. John Winston Howard OM, AC as our keynote speaker for a special event held at Newcastle's grand City Hall.

Why? He is one of the most influential figures in politics and economics in the last few decades, introducing the GST

among other tax and economic reforms.

All of the 330 attendees would attest to his skill as a speaker ... no notes, he was unstoppable and engaging non-stop for over half an hour. I was then fortunate enough to interview him, asking questions on a variety of topics across economics, China and other foreign relations, and a few things closer to home like his gun control measures (which he did a great job of) and marriage equality. He mingled happily with guests, introducing himself around (like there was a need for an introduction), and acting like the gentleman and leader he is.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Newcastle Business Club committee, who are very grateful for the support shown by our members and their guests in attending and getting the word out there regarding our luncheons. 330 was the largest event in the Newcastle Business Club's 82 year history, and our standard luncheons this year have had outstanding attendance numbers. Your support has not only kept your Club alive this year, it has given it an amazing and high-profile boost and rejuvenation! As our city grows and changes, I'm glad

to see that our oldest running business networking and speakers club is right alongside it!

So how do we follow up such an event? With a very impressive roster to close out the second half of the year, of course! July will see a visit from nationally renowned speaker Nick Bowditch, the only person in the Asia Pacific to have worked for both Facebook and Twitter. He will talk about how small-to-medium businesses can use the power of social media through "storytelling". Nick is a unique, inspirational and very thought-provoking speaker - not a lunch to be missed!

During August we host a panel of executives from businesses associated with the management of our Port. Following this, in September we welcome Kyle Loades, President and Chairman of NRMA Motoring & Services. October we hear from Jeff McCloy on what's happening in the region from a developer's perspective, and what his thoughts are now being outside the belly of the beast. November is close to being locked in and very well may be another "biggy"! To close out the year, our December Christmas luncheon will be a lively panel of some of Newcastle's most prominent new small-bar owners, walking us through their journey into the business in such a unique environment like Newcastle in terms of both renewal and strict licensing laws.

I hope June's luncheon has reminded you why you are a member of the Newcastle Business Club, and why you should lock in tickets to our next event!

Cheers,

Ty Brennock
2015 President

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Upcoming speakers & events

July Luncheon

Tuesday, 14 July
12pm - 1.30pm

Harbourview
Function Centre



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.

August Luncheon

Tuesday, 11 August
12pm - 1.30pm

Harbourview
Function Centre

PANEL ON OUR PORT

August welcomes the leading business minds and influencers in the operations of Newcastle's port. A panel presentation and discussion will give great insight into our resourceful natural asset.

Hennie Du Plooy Port Waratah Coal Services

As the Chief Executive Officer with Port Waratah Coal Services Hennie Du Plooy is part of the Executive Team who are committed and passionate about leading Port Waratah to deliver on its goals of being an agile, efficient and sustainable organisation which is able to operate at its best in any market conditions.

Peter Francis Port of Newcastle

As the Executive Manager Trade & Business Development for the Port of Newcastle Peter's responsibilities include trade development, property development, trade analysis and cruise development.

Michael Forst Stolthaven Terminals

Michael Forst is the General Manager of Stolthaven Terminals' Newcastle operation, located in the Port of Newcastle. The first stage of the Newcastle terminal was commissioned in November 2013 and currently provides storage for petroleum products. Construction is continuing at the terminal to add both capacity and functionality.

Jock Carter Newcastle Agri Terminal

As Executive Director, Jock is responsible for the daily operations of the Newcastle Agri Terminal site, in particular the supply chain interface between the port with rail, road and upcountry storage operations. Jock, along with fellow Executive Director Martin MacKay, started development of the terminal six years ago. The terminal was commissioned in 2014.

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Last month at the Club



L-R: President Ty Brennock with former Prime Minister The Hon. John Winston Howard OM, AC



L-R: Karen Howard, Will Creedon



L-R: Jenny Finlay-Jones, Patrick Kaluski



L-R: Elise Grist, Kate Maher, Lauren Fancey



L-R: Paul Murphy, Mr John Howard, Bob Baldwin, Hilton Grugeon, Ty Brennock, Ken Gouldthorp



L-R: Jessica Garrett, Melanie Doran, Lori Dotti, Mr John Howard, Tara White, Kimberly Knight



L-R: McCloy Group representative, Hayley McCloy, introducing our guest speaker



L-R: Mr John Howard answering questions posed by members



L-R: McGuigan Wines representative, Brian McGuigan, thanking our guest speaker.



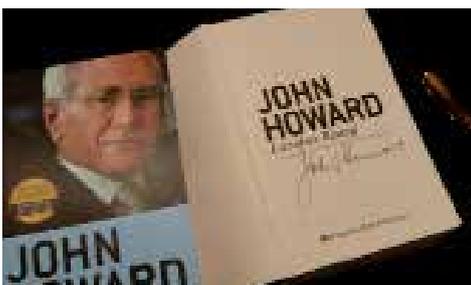
L-R: It was a sold out event



L-R: Chad Rapsey, Nadene Barretto



L-R: The 2015 NBC Committee with Mr John Howard



L-R: A lucky door prize winner took home a signed copy of Mr John Howard's book.



L-R: Vanessa Swilks, Justin Doyle



L-R: Ian Kirkwood, Mr John Howard

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Newcastle Business Club Annual Awards

In 1975 Newcastle Business Club recognised that there were many organisations and individuals that were making significant contributions to the commonweal of this city.

That year, the Club decided to make an annual award to a business, organisation or an individual who during that year, made a significant contribution toward the improvement of industry, culture, education or sport for the citizens of the city of Newcastle.

At that time, the Newcastle Regional Art Gallery project was underway and the Club decided to make a presentation to the Art Gallery of a major work of art for its permanent collection.

The Summerhouse, by Hilda Rix Nicholas (pictured right) was presented to the Art Gallery in 1977. It remains at our regional art gallery as one of the community's valued art pieces.



Since 1977, this Club has made one presentation each year to an impressive line-up. This year the Club will make a presentation to Business Of The Year, Business Person Of The Year and Young Person Of The Year. We place a print of the Hilda Rix Nicholas painting in the annual award presentation certificates.

Nominations are now open and close on 13 October 2015. The winners will be announced at the December luncheon. To nominate, please contact mail@newcastlebusinessclub.com.au

Networking at the Club

Networking sessions are available to financial members of Newcastle Business Club and are held during most luncheon meetings. Members are allowed 90 seconds to promote their business news to luncheon guests. For further information please contact Senior Vice President Jo Bright on JoBright@evolutionadvisers.com.au or 0418 265 520.



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