



**Alison Perrott**  
*President*

With under 90 days to go until the 14 September 2013 election it was very timely to have our regional Federal Government candidates debating the hot topics of politics at our June luncheon. Jane

Goldsmith, a journalist with NBN Television, ably chaired our debate and drew on her extensive experience covering state and federal politics and Council in her role over the last 12 years to manage our very passionate candidates!

Labor was represented by the Honorable Joel Fitzgibbon MP, Federal Member for Hunter and the candidate for Newcastle Sharon Claydon. The Liberal debaters were the Honorable Bob Baldwin MP, Federal Member for Paterson alongside candidate for Newcastle Jaimie Abbott.

There was no shortage of banter between the candidates as they responded to questions.

Thank you to those members who sent in questions which ranged from Coal Seam Gas, Tax and individual thoughts on Gay Marriage to name a few. With both NBN News and the ABC 7:30 Report covering the debate I was very pleased for the club to get the exposure and even more pleased to see a "full house". As a committee we hope to bring members more "big bang" type luncheons in the future as a way of delivering an interesting variety of topics and styles of luncheons.

Whether or not Newcastle is a "safe Labor seat", it was quiet clear both sides of politics see some significant short comings on policy and the affect here in the Hunter region and understand more can be done. I am not sure I could clearly decide if there was a winner of the debate but members did

## The political debate went off with a 'bang'!

get a glimpse of what might be and hopefully go to the election more informed.

A reminder that our Annual Awards are now open and recognise a younger (under 35) person, an individual and a company/organisation each year who have made a significant contribution toward the improvement of industry, culture, education, sport or the overall wellbeing and commonweal of the citizens of Newcastle. Entry forms are available by emailing mail@newcastlebusinessclub.com.au and close 15 September 2013.

If you would like to sponsor a luncheon please contact either Holly Martin or myself – we are happy to discuss your requirements with you. Event sponsorship is available to only one organisation per lunch and gives you guaranteed exposure to the Newcastle business community. We have over 400 members in the Club and sponsorship not only provides visible signage at the lunch and the chance to showcase your business by introducing the speakers, but all advertising of the lunch by way of the Vision newsletter, emails and an advert in the Herald Newspaper all with your firm's logo present.

Next month we welcome Garth Russell as our local speaker and Gold medal winning Paralympian Liesl Tesch. Liesl has competed over 24 years in six Paralympics, and her life story is absolutely inspiring.

I look forward to seeing you at the 9 July luncheon and a reminder that the venue is back at Harbourside, on Level 1.

With kind regards,

**Alison Perrott**  
*2013 President*



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# Upcoming speakers & events

## June Luncheon

Tuesday, 9 July  
12.15pm for  
12.45pm start – 2pm  
Harbourview  
Function Centre



Garth Russell  
Gen Wise

### Garth Russell Director, Gen Wise

To say that Garth Russell has continued to enjoyed a versatile professional career would be an understatement. After several years working in retail management straight out of school at a once great department store, Garth embarked on a radio career that spanned nearly 30 years. Over that time he broadcast from several towns and cities, working on a variety of shifts at radio stations with a broad range of formats.

Over the past 30 years Garth has also pursued other areas of entertainment, having worked as an actor on stage, TV and in Film. He has also worked continuously as a presenter, emcee, and voice over artist. Basically anywhere there's an audience, Garth will be there.

Now running a company called Gen Wise, Garth has found a way to incorporate the experience and skills learned over more than three decades to help others tell their stories via his 'Life Recording' side of the business. This is where his love of interviewing and storytelling comes in, with literally hundreds of stories, both personal and professional now on film and there for generations to come. The other arm of the business is producing and appearing in entertaining educational DVDs designed to teach young people life skills such as goal setting and resilience.

In essence, Garth is passionate about the benefits of learning through the power of storytelling, and plans to continue on this path of drawing on generations of wisdom for many years to come.

### Liesl Tesch Paralympian

Liesl Tesch is a great example of overcoming a catastrophic injury. A bike accident at the age of 19 left Liesl a paraplegic, but life did not stop. With her determined, positive attitude, she returned to university in a wheelchair, and found a way to continue participating in her passion for sport.

Liesl was selected in the NSW and Australian 'wheelie' basketball teams. Her Paralympic success includes two silver medals and a bronze, as well as captaining the Australian Olympic Gliders in Athens and Beijing.

After the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games she was invited to become the first woman to play professional wheelchair basketball in Europe. She competed for five seasons in Spain, Italy and France as the only woman playing in first division.

After 24 years and six Paralympic Games, Liesl changed sports from wheelchair basketball to sailing. It was a switch that surprised many, not least herself, but it was an inspired one because she made history by winning gold at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

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Liesl Tesch  
Paralympian

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# Last month at the Club



L-R: Fr Nicholas Zervas, Simon Adam, Anna Bailey



L-R: Nick Rippon, Kim Hal



L-R: Jane Goldsmith, Kris Leck



L-R: Ruth Appleby, Hilton Grugeon, Suzanne Evans



L-R: Jaimie Abbott, President Alison Perrott, Bob Baldwin MP



L-R: Sharon Claydon, Alison Perrott, Joel Fitzgibbon MP



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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 of Novocastrian people and organisations. We place a print of the Hilda Rix Nicholas painting in the annual award presentation certificates.

**Nominations are now open and close on 15 September 2013. The winners will be announced at the November luncheon. To nominate, please contact [mail@newcastlebusinessclub.com.au](mailto:mail@newcastlebusinessclub.com.au)**

### Advertise with VISION

A benefit of membership of the Club is that members are able to advertise with VISION by placing an insert in the monthly magazine.

This insert is DL size and 400 copies must be provided to the Secretary no later than the second Tuesday of the month. For only \$250 your insert will reach the entire membership of the Club.

For more information contact Junior Vice President Holly Martin on 0403 293 880 or [holly@justholly.com.au](mailto:holly@justholly.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 Greg Valentine on 0419 351 952 or [info@successionready.com.au](mailto:info@successionready.com.au)

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