



**Alison Perrott**  
*President*

## The Challenge of Change

members and speakers together has been a real privilege.

October speakers were very diverse but interestingly had similar messages around the challenge of dealing with change and making the most of it.

Our local speaker was Roger Pryor, who has had over 30 years in education, primarily through professional learning, leadership and innovation. He now dedicates his time to the arts, sharing his insights with business and educators, and technology, in many cases bringing the three together. Roger gave us his insights on why we should not continue to do things just because that is the way we have always done it. He used our school system as an example; it was designed in the post war era and truly could do with some tweaking if we are to accept and encourage all the "tweeting".

Nathan Bracken then gave us a wonderful insight into the world of an "ex"-high profile cricketer and the change that has occurred in his life since retiring in 2011. Nathan explained that whilst his knee injury may have shortened his cricketering career it was not going to stop him from having a successful life.

Since retirement, Nathan has appeared on Dancing with the Stars (for which he humbly apologised to all of us!), to more recently running for the seat of Dobell in the last Federal election and becoming a father for the second time. Nathan truly will make a politician one day as he managed to escape my question

Well the year has certainly flown by and as I write this I realise my year as President is almost at a close. It has been a wonderful experience being the President of the Club in 2013 and bringing

on what he would do about the current Australian cricket teams performance!

At our November luncheon we present the Newcastle Business Club Annual Awards along with key note speaker Brett Russell (a Shaolin Monk). The awards are the Clubs' way of congratulating those in the community who truly deserve recognition for their hard work contributing to the commonwealth of the region.

Our finalists are;

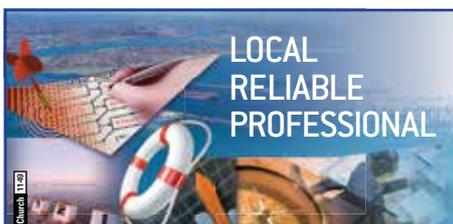
- Newcastle Permanent Building Society
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- The Greater Building Society
- Don Magin
- Paul Hughes
- WEJ Paradice
- Garth Russell
- Jaimie Abbott
- Dr Luke Wolfenden
- Dr Rohan Walker

Congratulations to all our finalists, I was rather humbled reading all your submissions and it was truly inspirational to see the contribution each of you make to the region. An honour in itself to have been shortlisted, I can assure everyone a very difficult decision for the committee to choose a winner. A big thank you to our members for being so active in promoting these individuals and bringing them to our attention.

I look forward to seeing you at the November luncheon.

With kind regards,

**Alison Perrott**  
*2013 President*



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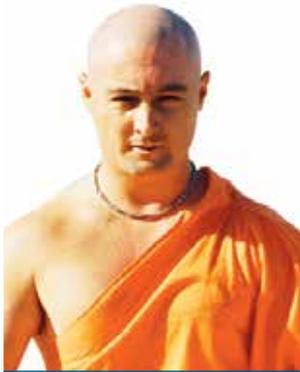
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# Upcoming speakers & events

## November Luncheon

Tuesday, 12 November  
12.15pm for  
12.45pm start – 2pm  
Harbourview  
Function Centre



Shifu Brett Xing Wu Russell

### NBC Annual Awards Presentation

In 1975 Newcastle Business Club recognised that there were many organisations and individuals that were making significant contributions to the wellbeing or the commonweal of this city. That year, under the Presidency of David Le Marchant, and with the assistance of John McNaughton and the late Cliff McDonald the Club created an annual award to present to a business, organisation or an individual who had made a significant contribution toward the improvement of industry, culture, education, sport or the well being or commonweal of the citizens of the city of Newcastle.

In 2001, under the Presidency of Gordon Blair, the Club's Committee took the decision to present two awards. It was decided then that selecting just one annual award winner was no longer relevant – given that many of the nominations were both individuals and organisations of outstanding quality. Accordingly the Committee decided to recognise an individual who has made a great contribution to the City.

In 2012, under the Presidency of Daniel Quinn and with the assistance of Greg Valentine, the Club has created a third award, designed to recognise, support and encourage a young business person, who is an active participant in the wider business community of Newcastle. This award is sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise**

Join us as we recognised individuals and organisations who are contributing to the commonweal of Newcastle and the greater Hunter region.

### Shifu Brett Xing Wu Russell

Shaolin Monk Martial Arts is dedicated to preserving the teachings of Traditional Shaolin Kung Fu. Shifu Brett Xing Wu Russell is a 32nd Generation Master and works to guide students to achieve peace, stillness and happiness within, through the training disciplines of Shaolin - Kung Fu, Tai Chi and Chi Kung (Qi Gong) Meditation.

These four aspects make up the essence of Shaolin: Chan. Chan is a "philosophy, a path toward cultivating one's body mind and spirit to become a better person for themselves and others. Training in the ways of Shaolin can be described as action meditation seeking to obtain enlightenment through experience of movement and action.

He was instructed by Great Master Shi De Fon, lineage transmission disciple of Grandmaster Shi Su Xi [Ex-President of the Shaolin Temple], and given the name Shi Xing Wu.

After years of training, also meeting with other monk masters, Shi Xing Wu attained a very high level of martial arts. Master Shifu Shi Xing Wu is now ranked a 4th Duan Wei [Master Instructor] by the Chinese Wushu Association for Traditional Shaolin Temple Martial arts and represents them in Australia.

Master Shifu Shi Xing Wu has travelled the globe, learning, displaying and teaching martial arts and has gained worldwide recognition. He now is also the representative of the Shaolin Temple Chan Wu Association of Australia and the Chin Wu Association of Australia.



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# Last month at the Club



L-R: Ryan Davey, Chloe Warren, Heathe Murray, Tim Budden



L-R: Bob Sinclair, Jenny Noblet, Peter Chapman



L-R: Sonya Hughes, Jamie-Lee Habeler, Paul Hughes, Jaimie Abbott



L-R: Roger Pryor, Nathan Bracken, Alison Perrott



L-R: Greg Valentine, Kate Grob, Sally Coddington, Phil Williams



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Each sponsorship opportunity is only available to one organisation per luncheon giving you guaranteed exclusivity. Packages vary, however Gold includes:

- ENews | Your logo and website link in at least two eNewsletters to our contact database & website
- VISION | Your logo and website information in an edition of VISION, distributed to our full member database of Hunter business people.
- Signage | The opportunity to display signage and table advertising materials at your sponsored luncheon
- Networking | The opportunity to present a 90 second networking spot at a luncheon of your choice
- Visibility | The opportunity to either thank or introduce the key note speaker
- Advertising | Your logo in our monthly Newcastle Herald advertisement
- Entertainment | A table of 10 at your sponsored luncheon

## 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)

## Keep up to date on the Club

Newcastle Business Club members can receive an eNewsletter highlighting the guest speakers for that month.

If you are not presently receiving these emails and would like to be added to the secure mailing list please send an email to [mail@newcastlebusinessclub.com.au](mailto: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 Tiron Manning on 0438 502 371 or [tiron@propertysolutions101.com.au](mailto:tiron@propertysolutions101.com.au)

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