

## **Boards**

### **Current**

#### **Newcastle Airport Pty Ltd**

Newcastle Airport Pty Ltd (NAPL) is a privately owned company currently with two Local Government owners who operate an airport on land leased from the Department of Defence utilising the infrastructure of an Australian Defence facility.

This partnership is unique in the national aerospace industry with a long term lease and operating agreement that defines operations. Newcastle Airport is one of the larger non-capital city regional airports in Australia.

Appointed Chair in December 2014 after 17 years as a non-executive director and owner representative. The Airport has exhibited strong growth rates from 2002 to 2012 built on the arrival of low cost carriers in Australia.

Newcastle is recognised as a regional economic driver and the Board delivers the Shareholders vision for an “airport the region deserves”.

*Reference:* [www.newcastleairport.com.au](http://www.newcastleairport.com.au)

#### **Hunter Regional Botanical Gardens (HRBG)**

A not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the protection, conservation, preservation and display of flora from the Hunter Valley.

As Deputy Chair I have responsibility for government and stakeholder relations.

*Reference:* [www.huntergardens.org.au](http://www.huntergardens.org.au)

#### **Hunter Business Chamber**

This is the independent representative organisation for Australia’s largest regional business community.

As an advisor, a forum, a source of information and a point of access for our members, the Chamber provides a comprehensive range of services to our members, including:

- lobbying and advocacy
- networking opportunities
- advice on issues including including workplace relations, business advice and training.

The Chamber represents NSW Business Chamber in the Hunter, giving its members access to a range of additional resources. Their members include some of the most innovative businesses in the nation, that have helped restructure an economy once dependent on just

coal and steel into a diverse framework that encourages investment and employment generation.

Business Chamber support helps create business prosperity and community through a policy and administrative structure that is directed by members through an elected Board of Directors and specialist committees made up of members.

## **Past**

Over the last thirty five years I have held executive positions on a range of community, not-for-profit and for profit entities that have included:

- Rotary International : Club and District participation at Walgett, Wellington and Raymond Terrace
- Fighter World: based at RAAF Base Williamstown. A local organisation in the Hunter Valley dedicated to the preservation, conservation and display of military aircraft and associated equipment
- Aero Clubs – entities dedicated to the promotion of general aviation and sports flying at Walgett and Wellington, NSW
- Central West Arts Council: a regional Arts organisation based in the Central West of NSW dedicated to advocate, promote and support the provision of the Arts in the regional community
- Hunter Councils Ltd: a commercial arm of Strategic Services Australia to deliver services to its members and affiliates in the Local Government sector. These included Local Government Training Institute (LGTI), Local Government Legal and Hunter Records Storage
- Local Government Legal: a boutique legal service for the NSW Local Government sector
- General Managers Advisory Committee (GMAC): an advisory group reporting to the Board of Hunter Councils Inc (now Strategic Partnerships Australia) to provide strategic advice and operational management of a regional industry association
- Hunter Region Tourism Organisation (HRTTO): a regional tourism board dedicated to build collaboration in the tourism sector in partnership with Local Councils
- Various strategic review committees of State and Regional Government covering transport, asset management, drainage, economic development, infrastructure, town planning and transport