

# NSW Regional Engagement Forum - July 13



The UNIVERSITY of NEWCASTLE AUSTRALIA

*Co-hosted by the Business/Higher Education Round Table and The University of Newcastle*

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

A forum to bring together all stakeholders within the regional context –

- Universities, Post-secondary Education Providers (public and private), Research Organisations
- Community Leaders, Community-based Organisations
- Regional Businesses and Industry, Chambers of Commerce, Policy Makers
- Shire Councils, State and Regional Development Agencies
- Regional School Administrators, Student Representatives
- Regional Development Managers, Business Development Managers, Strategic Planners

Your participation in this **NSW REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT FORUM** is crucial to the ongoing development of linkages between regional business/industry and post-secondary education. Such linkages will invariably lead to appropriate skill enhancement of regional youth, greater entrepreneurial endeavour, accelerated commercial awareness and increased economic activity, resulting in mutually beneficial opportunities.

**Please complete and return the Registration Form with payment of \$55 incl. GST (incl. refreshments and lunch) to the Business/Higher Education Round Table by 5pm, Friday 09 July. B-HERT reserves the right to alter the programme where necessary. NO REFUNDS, substitute delegates welcomed.**

Venue: Brennan Room, University of Newcastle, University Union Callaghan Campus

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# Forum Program includes

**Introduction** – Professor Trevor Waring, Chancellor – The University of Newcastle

**Welcome** – Bryce Gaudry MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Training & Aboriginal Affairs, Member for Newcastle

**Building & Growing the Relationship** – Professor Brian English, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, The University of Newcastle

**Why the Regions Matter** – Senator John Tierney, NSW

**Business & Industry Panel** – it makes good business sense

Geoff Riddell, CEO, Business Central Coast

Tony Sansom, Regional Manager, NSW Department of State & Regional Development

Kieren Turner, Director, Employee Services, NSW Minerals Council

**The Community as Stakeholders**

Sandra Gilshenan, Executive Officer, Hunter Area Consultative Committee

Bernard Smith, General Manager, Hastings Council

**The Role of Local Government** – Dr. Barbara Penson, CEO, Hunter Councils Ltd

**Case Studies** – examples of effective collaboration and engagement models

Dan Buckley, Director Operations, Gloucester Coal Ltd

Professor Scott Holmes, Dean, The University of Newcastle Graduate School

Dr Barry McKnight, Director, Central Coast Campuses of TAFE, Community College & The University of Newcastle

**Regional Universities Perspective** – solving issues in fostering regional engagement

David Fuller, University Developments Officer, Vice-Chancellor's Unit, University of Wollongong & Jamie Nelson, Development Manager NSW/ACT, Boulderstone Hornibrook

NB: (program duration 0845 – 1530, program subject to change without notice)

## OUTCOMES

- There must be support for an increased level of engagement between all stakeholders
- There must be sustained support for the regional communities' need for and access to high quality post-secondary education
- There must be explicit support for collaborative initiatives between business/industry and post-secondary education providers which provide a socio-economic benefit to the region
- There must be clearer identification and communication of the benefits for increased engagement between business/industry, the community and post-secondary education in regional NSW
- There must be an increased awareness of the pivotal role the relationship between business/industry and post-secondary education plays in the retention of youth in regional areas and the importance of career pathways

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