

Media release

New Director touches down at Newcastle Airport

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Newcastle Airport has welcomed international institutional real estate executive, Morgan Parker as a Director to its Board.

Speaking today about the appointment, Newcastle Airport CEO Dr Peter Cock said Mr Parker would bring invaluable skills and international experience to the organisation.

“An experienced leader with a portfolio of non-executive board roles, Mr Parker will bring global knowledge and expertise to strengthen our business and drive further economic growth for our region.

“His background and expertise will lend itself particularly well to the further development of Astra Aerolab, as we position it as a globally significant centre for defence and aerospace innovation and excellence,” Mr Cock said.

During his 25-year career as an international investor, developer and banker at some of the world's most successful firms, Mr Parker has completed scores of projects across nine countries and several continents.

In taking up his position as a Director, Mr Parker said, “It is an absolute honour to join the Board of Newcastle Airport – the gateway to Australia’s largest regional economy. I look forward to working with my Board colleagues and management to help deliver the airport our region deserves.”

A resident of Brisbane, Mr Parker will be in the region today for Newcastle Airport’s August Board meeting.

Ends.

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More information

Morgan Parker

Morgan has enjoyed a 25-year career as an international institutional real estate investor, developer and banker at some of the world's most successful firms.

He maintains a portfolio of non-executive board roles, including:

- > Director at Newcastle Airport - the gateway to Australia's largest regional economy.
- > Director of ASX-listed Garda Capital Group - a real estate investment and funds management company.
- > Director of SunCentral, the government-owned entity developing one of Australia's most innovative projects including a new central business district on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

Mr Parker also serves on the PMSA board which owns four of Queensland's most prestigious private schools - Brisbane Boys' College, Somerville House, Clayfield College and Sunshine Coast Grammar School. He also acts as an advisory board member of UbiPark - a technology company disrupting the car parking industry with future-defining consumer experiences and asset optimisation.

Beyond real estate, Mr Parker is dedicated to community service in the field of education and as a philanthropic adventurer, motivational speaker, author, television host and executive producer of the National Geographic Channel documentary series "Wheel2Wheel".

About Newcastle Airport

- > Recipient of the President's Award at the 2019 Hunter Business Awards, with CEO Dr Peter Cock also awarded 'Business Leader of the Year'.
- > Named 'Major Airport of the Year' at the 2018 Australian Airports Association Industry Awards.
- > Newcastle Airport is the second international gateway into New South Wales and the second busiest airport in the state.
- > Serviced by Jetstar, Virgin Australia, QantasLink, Regional Express, and FlyPelican to eight direct domestic destinations and onward to more than 65 worldwide destinations.
- > Newcastle Airport is the gateway to Australia's largest regional economy, with more than \$43 billion annual output and 48,500 businesses.
- > Newcastle Airport contributes more than \$1.16 billion to the state's economy each year, including \$300 million direct to the visitor economy which supports over 5,700 full-time employees across tourism and the Airport cluster.
- > Newcastle Airport Pty Ltd is jointly owned by City of Newcastle and Port Stephens Council and is governed by an independent, skills-based Board of Directors.
- > FY18/19 passenger results saw Newcastle Airport break its all-time FY record with 1,277,473 travellers passing through the terminal.
- > In December 2018, Newcastle Airport welcomed its 18 millionth passenger through the terminal since 1995.
- > On 22 March 2018, Newcastle Airport released its 60-year Master Plan, which includes a 20-year blueprint for growth, projections and business development of the Airport.