



**HUNTER TAFE
FOUNDATION**

ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019



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2018/2019 FINANCIAL YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS



\$145,520
total donations
received



\$77,600
total value of awards
and scholarships
presented



59
recipients

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Nelson Mandela once said 'Education is the great engine of personal development' and that is very evident when we celebrate with our award winners, their family and friends, teachers and donors at Hunter TAFE Foundation presentation events. It is inspiring to grasp the student's commitment to study, hard work and perseverance and to see the difference that public recognition, awards and scholarships make in the lives of our award winners.

The Hunter TAFE Foundation is a not-for-profit charitable organisation working with Hunter business, education and community leaders committed to supporting education and training at TAFE NSW by helping students in the Hunter and Central Coast regions achieve their goals. In 2018/19 financial year, the Foundation was thrilled to partner with our 18 sponsors and donors to present some 59 awards and scholarships totalling more than \$77,600. In 2020 we aim to provide even greater award and scholarship opportunities, and continue our support of TAFE NSW students in the Hunter and Central Coast region.

In May 2019, Deb Powell was appointed Hunter TAFE Foundation Relationship Coordinator. Deb and Clare Emerson, Scholarship and Alumni Marketing Specialist, are doing a marvellous job in: promoting scholarships and awards to students and teachers; donor and sponsor liaison; organising Hunter TAFE Foundation presentation events; and laying the platform for 2020 to be an even better year. Thank you.

The Board wish to take this opportunity to recognise and thank John Fitzgerald, our previous and Inaugural President, for his significant personal contribution and efforts in leading the Foundation over a long period. John's commitment has seen the number of awards and scholarships offered by the Hunter TAFE Foundation grow significantly over the past ten years.

The Directors of your Foundation would also like to express our gratitude to all the donors and sponsors of our awards and scholarships as we work together to encourage and support the students of TAFE NSW in the Hunter and Central Coast.

Gary Webb
President

2018/19 IN FOCUS

AWARD, SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT	DONOR	ACTIVITY
Anthony Carter Memorial Scholarship	Ted and Christine Carter and the Kloster Group	Not Awarded
Barker Maritime Scholarship	The late Don Barker and Annette Lynch	Awarded
Bean Counters Higher Education Scholarship	Bean Counters Ball Committee	Awarded
Bean Counters Achievement Award	Bean Counters Ball Committee	Awarded
Brett Graham Scholarship	Hunter Culinary Association and TAFE NSW	Awarded
Carol Duval Memorial Award for Painting	Valerie Duval	Awarded
Central Coast Campus Friends Award	Central Coast Campus Friends Inc.	Awarded
City of Newcastle Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship	City of Newcastle Aboriginal Employment Strategy	Awarded
Crowne Plaza Scholarships	Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley and Crowne Plaza Terrigal	Awarded
Cultural Diversity Scholarships	Northern Settlement Services	Awarded
Eckersley's Encouragement Award	Eckersley's Art and Craft	Awarded
Education Support Scholarship	Sam Adams College	Not Awarded
HMA Board TAFE NSW Scholarships	HMA Board	Not Awarded

AWARD, SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT	DONOR	ACTIVITY
Encouragement Awards (Youth and Adult)	Hunter TAFE Foundation	Awarded
Indigenous Encouragement Awards	Hunter TAFE Foundation	Awarded
Josh Woolfson Memorial Encouragement Award	Liz Woolfson	Not Awarded
Kaiyu Encouragement Awards	Hunter TAFE Foundation	Awarded
MEMMES Scholarship	Mining Electrical and Mining Mechanical Engineering Society	Awarded
Moreen Edith Fashion Scholarship	Darren Hope	Awarded
Neville Sawyer Business Scholarship	Neville Sawyer AM	Not Awarded
Newcastle Lord Mayor's Art Scholarship	Newcastle City Council (Newcastle Lord Mayor's Earthquake Relief Fund)	Not Awarded
Newcastle Lord Mayor's Art Encouragement Award	Newcastle City Council (Newcastle Lord Mayor's Earthquake Relief Fund)	Not Awarded
Reg Russom Memorial Drawing Prize	Hunter TAFE Foundation	Awarded
Sonia Walkom Memorial Scholarship	Walkom Real Estate	Awarded
Steve Hornery Memorial Award	NSW Worldskills	Awarded
Study Assistance Scholarships	Hunter TAFE Foundation	Awarded
Together Today Award	Together Today Cooperative	Not Awarded
Trevor Drayton Scholarship	Trevor Drayton Committee	Awarded
Zonta Club of Hunter Newcastle TAFE NSW Scholarship	Zonta Club of Hunter Newcastle	Awarded

BEAN COUNTERS HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Bean Counters Higher Education Scholarship was established by members of the local chapters of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, CPA Australia, and Hunter TAFE Foundation, to offer support and encouragement to promising students currently enrolled in the Associate Degree of Accounting or Diploma of Applied Commerce, at TAFE NSW Newcastle or TAFE NSW Ourimbah.

The recipient of the Bean Counters Higher Education Scholarship was announced at the Semester 1 Hunter TAFE Foundation Presentation during June 2019. After careful consideration, the scholarship was awarded to Leandro Bertero, who delivered a compelling response to the application questions and has overcome adversity to achieve his goals.

A Lakelands resident, Argentinian-born Mr Bertero said, "Towards the end of 2018 I was awarded a visa to live in Australia with my partner, who I met when travelling here in 2016. During that time we lived in New Zealand because we needed to be offshore to apply for a partner visa for me to live here permanently."

"In New Zealand I began to prepare myself to pursue a new career and upon our return to Australia we decided to move in with my in-laws while we established our lives and careers in Newcastle. I am nearly 40 years old, a full-time student and living with my in-laws... can you imagine?!"



"The scholarship money will be used wisely, put towards my semester two enrolment at TAFE NSW Newcastle. I am committed to establishing myself in a new career and understand this requires a recognised qualification."

"After I complete my Diploma of Applied Commerce it is my intention to continue to university in 2020 to complete a Bachelor Degree in Commerce."

Leandro was awarded \$2,400 to assist with the costs associated with the completion of his studies.

For more information about the Bean Counters Ball visit beancountersball.com.au

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BALL

RESPECTED INDUSTRY GROUP LEND A HELPING HAND TO ASPIRING ENGINEERS

A technical society within Engineers Australia, MEMMES (Mining Electrical and Mining Mechanical Engineering Society) has partnered with the Hunter TAFE Foundation to offer scholarships to encourage further study for workers in the mining industry. Anyone who is enrolled in, or has recently completed an electrical or mechanical engineering trade qualification was eligible to apply.

Due to the high calibre of applications this year, the selection committee decided to award four scholarships rather than the usual two, and MEMMES is excited to have doubled its donation in 2018/19, to \$8,000.

2019 recipients:

- Krystal Hickey, Paxton, studying a TAFE NSW Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology
- Oliver Davidson, Mount Hutton, studying a TAFE NSW Certificate III in Electrotechnology
- Hannah Ross, Parkes, studying a TAFE NSW Certificate III in Mechanical Technology
- Stevie Long, Cobar, studying a TAFE NSW Certificate III in Light Vehicle Automotive

When asked how they would use the scholarship monies, Krystal said, "I am interested in continuing my learning in the fourth year of my apprenticeship by applying for an auto electrics course. I believe this will not only give me a more holistic understanding of the vehicles and machines I will work on, it will make me more employable and more valuable to my employers. I believe goal setting is important for giving yourself direction."



L-R recipients Krystal Hickey and Oliver Davidson

Oliver said, "I will enrol in the Diploma of Electrical Engineering course, a prerequisite to becoming a mining electrical engineer. This would provide me with the qualification I need to progress my career in the industry and work as an electrical engineer."

Stevie plans to use the scholarship to complete a Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology at TAFE NSW. "This will not only provide me with hands-on knowledge and skills needed when diagnosing and repairing vehicles, it will also drive me to the future of environmentally friendly battery operated machinery."

Hannah will use the scholarship funds to put towards some leadership training, and updating her heavy vehicle skills.

"I believe learning every day keeps the brain healthy, busy and focused. This scholarship will help me as I strive to become a leader and mentor, and an advocate for other females to follow their chosen career paths, regardless of their industry."

The financial support and encouragement provided by the scholarship will assist Krystal, Oliver, Hannah, and Stevie in continuing their studies and progressing their careers in the mining industry.



SONIA WALKOM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 2015 The Hunter TAFE Foundation partnered with Walkom Real Estate to establish the Sonia Walkom Memorial Scholarship, in memory of Sonia Walkom and her enthusiasm for continuous learning.

The scholarship supports a student enrolled in Certificate IV in Property Services within the Newcastle area. The scholarship is awarded to a nominee who is dedicated, ambitious and self-disciplined. The scholarship is awarded via nomination from a teacher supported by a Head Teacher. Across the year, the Sonia Walkom Scholarship is offered during each semester, equally valued at \$1,500.

"We are proud to have an opportunity to support the Hunter TAFE Foundation," said sponsor and owner of Walkom Real Estate, Scott Walkom.

"We hope to improve the overall standards of the real estate industry, by supporting real estate students, studying at TAFE NSW, encouraging them to achieve all they can."

"I truly value the opportunity to hear about the student stories; learning how they became interested in real estate, and why they chose it as a career."

This year, the scholarship was awarded to Leon Ryder, who demonstrated excellence throughout the duration of his studies.



L-R Scott Walkom, Leon Ryder and Rhiannon Heiss-Harvey



BRETT GRAHAM SCHOLARSHIP

Growing up in Williamstown, Brett Graham commenced his culinary career as a teenager at Scratchley's on the Wharf while studying at TAFE NSW Hamilton. It wasn't long before the aspiring chef's talent was recognised, and he was awarded the prestigious Josephine Pignolet Award, providing Brett with the opportunity to travel to the UK. A desire to go out on his own quickly grew, and at just 25 years old, Brett opened The Ledbury in Notting Hill, West London. Brett is proud of his TAFE NSW training, and of his early culinary experience in the Hunter.

Open to third year culinary apprentices who are either enrolled, or who have completed their apprenticeship within the past 12 months at a TAFE NSW location within the Hunter and Central Coast region, the scholarship has been fostering local talent for 15 years. Past recipients of the scholarship include Troy Rhoades-Brown of Muse Restaurant, and Chris Thornton of Restaurant Mason.

After two rounds of competition, apprentice chef Jacob Hobbs of Muse Restaurant, was named winner of the \$10,000 Brett Graham Scholarship. At just 17, Jacob is one of the youngest apprentices to have won the prestigious award. The scholarship includes the opportunity to work with Brett Graham at the two Michelin starred restaurant, The Ledbury.

TAFE NSW Commercial Cookery Teacher and head judge Tracey Amos said, "The standard of dishes produced by this year's entrants was exceptionally high, with all three finalists showing a great understanding of the importance of using quality produce and creating subtle flavour combinations in their dishes."



"This year we were very fortunate to have acclaimed Sydney chef, Jane Strode as guest judge, along with Georgia Maher from NBN News, and Warren Fouracre from The Junction Hotel. We jointly agreed that Jacob was the deserving winner."

Jacob is planning to travel to Europe at the end of the year, to commence his four-week placement at The Ledbury in early 2020.



TEACHERS AND STAFF COMMITTED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Since the inception of the Employee Charitable Contribution fund in 2016, employees of TAFE NSW from the Hunter and Central Coast region have continued to invest in the future of our students. A partnership between TAFE NSW and the Foundation established the program, allowing employees to contribute a chosen value as part of a post-tax deductible donation.

The funds raised through the payroll program are dedicated to supporting the increasing number of students experiencing financial and/or personal hardship that reach out to the Foundation for financial support. This financial year, the fund has raised \$3,895 and the Hunter TAFE Foundation is proud to announce that several encouragement awards have been presented to deserving students.



Although still in its early days, the Employee Charitable Contribution initiative is another example of how the Hunter TAFE Foundation is contributing towards a positive community spirit and endeavouring to change the lives of students choosing to study with TAFE NSW in the Hunter and Central Coast.

For more information about making a donation to the Hunter TAFE Foundation, visit tafensw.edu.au/hunter-tafe-foundation

STUDENT PROFILES

The Hunter TAFE Foundation is proud of all of our student recipients and would like to share the stories of three students who have achieved amazing successes since being presented with a Foundation award or scholarship.

Lynelle Elliot

2019 CITY OF NEWCASTLE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SCHOLARSHIP

Diploma of Visual Arts at
TAFE NSW Newcastle

Diploma of Visual Arts student, Lynelle Elliott, received the City of Newcastle Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship, valued at \$500, saying how she wanted to pass her knowledge on to others.

"I find visual arts a great avenue for self-expression, culture and creative freedom," she said.

"This scholarship will enable me to engage arts institutions, communities and businesses in the cross pollination of cultures, ideas, inspiration and collaboration."





Jed Davis

2018 FOUNDATION ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Certificate IV in Business
Diploma of Business

The Foundation first met business student, Jed Davis, when he was awarded the 2018 Foundation Encouragement Award, recognising his commitment and dedication to study.

Originally unsure whether or not he was going to succeed in finishing a full-time TAFE NSW course, Jed has now completed the Diploma of Business in addition to the Certificate IV in Business.

In 2019, Jed was named Technology and Business Services Student of the Year at the TAFE NSW Excellence Awards. Head Teacher Larissa Hartigan, who nominated Jed Davis, said "Jed demonstrated commitment and dedication towards his consistent personal improvement. He is indeed a positive role model for other students, as he aspired to support and encourage them to achieve their very best along their study pathways. He is a real reflection of what TAFE NSW can provide in the way of a supportive and encouraging working environment."



Ben Saxon

2016 TOGETHER TODAY AWARD

Associate Degree of Applied Engineering
(Renewable Energy Technologies)

Ben was the 2016 recipient of the Together Today Scholarship. Enrolling at TAFE NSW in a metal fabrication pre apprenticeship course in 2006, Ben soon decided that he wanted to pursue his interest in the electrical trades, and changed courses.

After a few years as an electrician, Ben felt that there was more he could do to contribute towards a more sustainable future. And building on his electrical background, Ben chose an area of study that aligned more closely with his personal values, by enrolling in a full-time renewable energy associate degree.

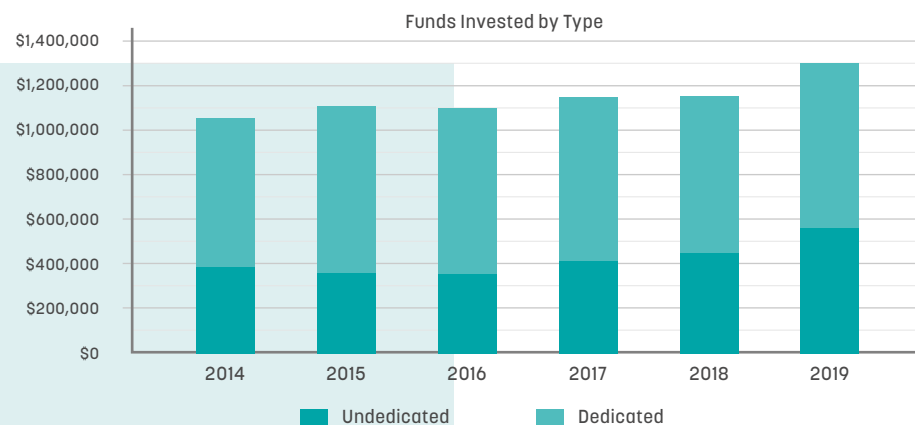
"I can truthfully say, that without the scholarship, I'm not sure that I could have completed my time at TAFE NSW, and that I would not be where I am now."

FINANCIAL REPORT

	FYE 30/06/2016	FYE 30/06/2017	FYE 30/06/2018	FYE 30/06/2019
Donations	\$ 80,511	\$ 105,309	\$ 60,559	\$ 145,520
Investment Interest Earned	\$ 25,449	\$ 54,648	\$ 29,689	\$ 58,390
Other Income		\$ 5,499	\$ 10,516	\$ 12,848
Awards, Grants and Scholarships	\$ -107,169	\$ -95,351	\$ -75,864	\$ -62,281
Other Expenditure	\$ -7,854	\$ -7,142	\$ -9,329	\$ -33,481
Surplus	\$ -9,063	\$ 62,963	\$ 15,571	\$ 120,996
Funds invested at the beginning of the last financial year	\$ 1,107,609	\$ 1,098,546	\$ 1,161,509	\$ 1,177,080
Surplus for year	\$ -9,063	\$ 62,963	\$ 15,571	\$ 120,996
Funds invested at the end of the financial year	\$ 1,098,546	\$ 1,161,509	\$ 1,177,080	\$ 1,298,076

FUNDS INVESTED BY TYPE

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Undedicated	\$ 361,058	\$ 407,609	\$ 419,229	\$ 568,643
Dedicated	\$ 737,488	\$ 753,900	\$ 757,851	\$ 729,433
	\$ 1,098,546	\$ 1,161,509	\$ 1,177,080	\$ 1,298,076



AUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Taken from the Independent Audit Report to the Members of the Hunter TAFE Foundation Limited for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2019 – PKF

	2019 \$	2018 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	161,440	25,162
Trade and other receivables	15,712	12,800
Held to maturity investments term deposits	1,179,704	1,200,043
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,356,856	1,238,005
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	2,115	25,162
Other Liabilities	56,665	12,800
TOTAL LIABILITIES	58,780	60,925
NET ASSETS	1,298,076	1,177,080
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	1,298,076	1,177,080
TOTAL EQUITIES	1,298,076	1,177,080



HOW TO DONATE

HOW CAN I DONATE?

The Hunter TAFE Foundation accepts donations from individuals, organisations and community groups who share the vision of the Foundation to support and encourage students studying in the vocational sector in the Hunter and Central Coast regions.

INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING AN AWARD OR SCHOLARSHIP?

We understand that some Donors may wish to establish an Award or Scholarship that aligns with their field of expertise or a specific career area. The Hunter TAFE Foundation considers this type of donation as a Dedicated Fund; a fund only to be used for the purpose as instructed by the Donor. For more information, please email The Hunter TAFE Foundation hunter.foundation@tafensw.edu.au

All contributions made through a donation to the Hunter TAFE Foundation to further or advance education at TAFE NSW in the Hunter and Central Coast are fully tax deductible.

WANT TO PLEDGE AN ANNUAL DONATION?

Become a Friend of the Foundation. The Hunter TAFE Foundation invites individuals and organisations to make an annual donation to support continued education in the Hunter and Central Coast regions.

As a Friend of the Foundation, you will contribute to supporting TAFE NSW students across the Hunter and Central Coast who are financially disadvantaged or suffering from personal hardship and in need of support to complete their studies.

OUR BOARD



Gary Webb

Gary was formerly the Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Newcastle Port Corporation, and before that he worked for them in maritime

operations, starting back in 1989. Additionally, Mr Webb has also served as Chairman for Ports Australia; Chairman for the Newcastle Seafarers Centre Limited; Chairman for Lifeline Hunter Central Coast, Director of Hunter Valley Coal Chain Coordinator Limited; Director of the Hunter Research Foundation, Director of Lifeline Direct Ltd, and as a Board Member for the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

Gary holds a Graduate Diploma in Business Administration (Executive), a Graduate Diploma in Education (TAFE NSW), and a Bachelor of Surveying (Honours). He is also a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and in 2008, he was awarded the City of Newcastle's Australia Day Citizen of the Year.



Joss De Iuliis

Joss is a well known member of the Hunter business community, having successfully built a number of

manufacturing and engineering enterprises throughout the Hunter region. Joss currently holds the Director position at Custom Fluidpower Ltd Pty, Comrie & Weir Pty Ltd, Dynamic Hydraulics Pty Ltd, Australian Automation Centre, Gamde Pty Ltd, Fluidtech International Pty Ltd, Newcastle Port Consortium Pty Ltd, and at WESF Pty Ltd.

De Iuliis Wines is prominent within the Hunter region's wine industry, and Joss is an ambassador for the Hunter's wine and tourism industries.



John Fitzgerald

John has held Senior Management and Director responsibilities in the manufacturing industry, throughout

a career spanning more than 30 years. During this time, he was also a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Australia, and a Member of both the Institute of Industrial Engineers and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

John was the inaugural President of the Hunter TAFE Foundation, leading the Foundation from 2000 to 2013, and then again throughout 2018 and 2019.

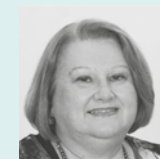


Susie George

Susie is a graduate of Queensland University of Technology, the Australian Institute of Company Directors

and the University of Adelaide, and has first-hand experience in the value of education and training in career advancement and development.

In 2016, Susie joined TAFE NSW as the General Manager of People and Safety, and was promoted to the Regional General Manager of TAFE NSW, North Region in May 2018. Susie has been instrumental in modernising TAFE NSW to become an effective corporate, commercial, and sustainable business.



Kay Peno

Kay was a Director with the NSW Department of Education from 2007 to January 2016, responsible for management and leadership of the NSW

public schools of Lake Macquarie East, as well as their Principals.

For over a decade Kay was a member of the Department's Hunter/Central Coast Regional and was later an Executive of the Tamworth Network, helping to lead a range of education portfolios including Equity, Student Wellbeing, Vocational Education, and Professional Leadership.

Previously Kay has been principal of Lisarow High School on the Central Coast, has held executive positions in four other NSW high schools, has been the NSW Board of Studies Liaison Officer for the Hunter region, and was a NSW Education Regional Manager for equity and vocational education initiatives.



Greg Hopper

Greg is the Chairman of the Lake Macquarie Foundation, and is a past Director of Newcastle Golf Club.

Greg has extensive business experience, both within the Hunter region, and in the hospitality and tourism sector. Greg was the President of the Warners Bay Chamber of Commerce for 19 years, and is also a former Chairman of the Lake Macquarie Tourist Association, and a former Director of Hunter Tourism.

In 2004, Greg was inducted into the NSW Restaurant and Catering Hall of Fame, and then in 2012, Greg was announced as the inaugural Lake Macquarie "Business Person of the Year."

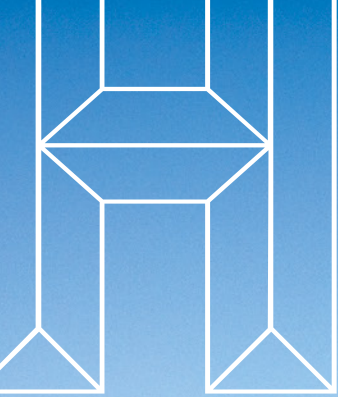


Katie Brassil

Katie is the Executive General Manager of External Affairs for Centennial Coal, and has 30 years' experience in the private sector, as well as in all three tiers of government.

Additionally, Katie is also a director of the NRL's Newcastle Knights, a director of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, and a former Director of the Hunter Business Chamber and the Lake Macquarie Foundation.

Katie has resigned as a Director of the Hunter TAFE Foundation, with her last board meeting on 6 May 2019.





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