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Future Leaders Program Scholarship awarded to Teegan Bell

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Newcastle Airport employee Teegan Bell is set to propel her career after being named the inaugural recipient of the Kristen Keegan Future Leaders Program Scholarship.

The scholarship, a joint initiative between HunterNet and the Hunter Business Chamber, honours Kristen Keegan's legacy as the Hunter's first female business chamber chief executive and passionate and tireless advocate for the region. The scholarship covers the tuition for one participant in the HunterNet Future Leaders Program 2018.

"This year's candidates were all of a very high calibre which makes Teegan's success even more significant. We look forward to seeing the benefits this program brings to Teegan's future development," says Tony Cade, HunterNet CEO.

The 12-week Future Leaders Program challenges participants to share their individual experiences from their various industries, and leverage their shared knowledge, making this program one of the most dynamic of its kind.

A key aspect of the program is the major project where the participants form multi-disciplinary teams and work within a competitive business environment on a topic relevant to the business world today.

The 2018 project is set to have a local and international focus, and leading industry professionals will mentor the team. The judging panel will also consist of business executives who are leaders in their own right.

Teegan works at Newcastle Airport full time as a Customer Experience and Airport Operations Officer, while studying a Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice part-time through Open Universities. Teegan decided to apply for the scholarship to develop her leadership skills outside of the standard workplace and study environments.

"I believe that being a part of this program is beneficial to self-growth, career development and supporting others. I am excited and look forward to learning from others in the program and the business people involved," Teegan said.

Commenting on the scholarship announcement, Newcastle Airport CEO, Dr Peter Cock said, "This is an outstanding achievement for Teegan, and a credit to her efforts both academically and professionally. The application process not only focussed on the individual's commitment to professional development but also more broadly on their commitment to driving positive outcomes for the region.

"Teegan is a valued member of the Newcastle Airport team and we wish her every success as she embarks on this leadership journey!"

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About Newcastle Airport

- > Newcastle Airport is New South Wales' second busiest airport.
- > Serviced by Jetstar, Virgin Australia, QantasLink, Regional Express, and FlyPelican to eight direct destinations and onward to more than 65 world-wide destinations with just one stop.
- > In 2017, Newcastle Airport had a record number of passengers pass through the terminal - 1,276,463 passengers.
- > The record throughput is a result of 25-month consecutive year-on-year monthly passenger growth recorded up until December 2017.
- > A record-breaking 4,823 passengers travelled through Newcastle Airport on Thursday 24 November (the day before Newcastle Supercars). The same weekend (Thurs-Mon), saw more than 21,000 through the Airport.
- > In February 2018, Newcastle Airport welcomed its 17 millionth passenger through the terminal since 1995. 2018 will see the 18 millionth passenger.
- > On 22 March 2018, a new direct jet service will commence to Adelaide operated by FlyPelican. Adelaide represents the first new major city route since the introduction of Gold Coast in 2004.
- > Newcastle Airport is the gateway to Australia's largest regional economy, with more than \$43 billion annual output and 48,500 businesses.
- > A significant economic driver, Newcastle Airport contributes more than \$1.1 billion to the state's economy each year. Of this, \$300 million is direct to the visitor economy, supporting 3,300 jobs.
- > Newcastle Airport is internationally ready, the international arrivals and departures fit-out was completed in August 2017.
- > In its 70th anniversary year, Newcastle Airport continues to work with its airline partners to increase the number of flights to our current destinations, to add direct flights to even more destinations, and to work tirelessly to secure an international destination.
- > The more people that choose to fly from Newcastle Airport will provide evidence to the airlines that the demand truly exists and that our region deserves more.
- > 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.
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- > 30 minutes north of Newcastle, Newcastle Airport is located adjacent to RAAF Base Williamtown on land leased from Department of Defence.
- > Newcastle Airport Pty Ltd is jointly owned by Newcastle City Council and Port Stephens Council and is governed by an independent, skills-based Board of Directors.