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## Newcastle Airport welcomes new Director

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Newcastle Airport has welcomed experienced senior executive and prominent Novocastrian Samantha Martin-Williams as a non-executive Director to its Board.

Mrs. Martin-Williams joins the board with more than 25 years of diverse experience in highly regulated industries including logistics and supply chain, financial services, education and health.

Speaking today about the appointment, outgoing Newcastle Airport Chair Peter Gesling said Mrs. Martin-Williams would bring invaluable skills and experience in strategic transformation and commercial change to the organisation:

“We believe Samantha will not only bring a unique set of skills and experiences to the Board, but also a passion for our region and the role that Newcastle Airport plays in it.”

“The Board is currently going through a renewal process, which will allow us to maintain an agile and future-focused philosophy. Samantha’s appointment is an excellent illustration of that approach,” Mr. Gesling said.

An experienced leader and proud champion of regional Australia, Mrs. Martin-Williams has held, and continues to hold, various roles at iconic Newcastle organisations including Newcastle Permanent Building Society and the University of Newcastle. She replaces long serving Director Ted Campbell from 18 October 2019.

In taking up the position as a Director, Mrs. Martin-Williams said, “It’s an exciting time to join the Board of Newcastle Airport. There is a lot of work to be done and I look forward to working with my Board colleagues and management to help the airport unlock our region’s potential.”

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### Further information

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### More Information

#### Samantha Martin-Williams:

Samantha’s career spans more than 25 years of diverse experience in highly regulated industries including logistics and supply chain, financial services, education and health.

A proud champion of regional Australia, Sam is currently a Non-Executive Director of the Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Chair of its Remuneration and People Committee. She also serves on the Supply Chain and Logistics Association of Australia (SCLAA) Advisory Board, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, is a University of Newcastle conjoint lecturer of Law and Business and a member of the MBA Advisory Board at the University of Newcastle Business School.

Sam is a former Telstra Business Woman of the Year and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Having just returned from the Australian Women Leaders Study Tour of San Francisco and Silicon Valley, Sam is currently leading future of work, 'people enabled tech for good' and 'new collar job' conversations across regional Australia.

#### Notes for the Editor:

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Newcastle Airport Master Plan: [www.newcastleairport.com.au/corporate/about/masterplan](http://www.newcastleairport.com.au/corporate/about/masterplan)

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#### 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.