

Media release

Airport honours high flying Chair

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Having overseen exponential growth at Newcastle Airport (NAPL) after 20 years as a Board member and five as Chair, Peter Gesling will welcome a new Deputy Chair from July, and begin a transition to a newly created Ambassadorial role by year's end.

Highly experienced Director Kirby Clark, a former Deputy CEO of Melbourne Airport who joined NAPL in 2015, has been appointed to the role of Deputy Chair and will work together with Mr Gesling to guide the Board through a strategic growth and renewal process.

Speaking today, newly appointed Deputy Chair, Kirby Clark said he was looking forward to working with Mr Gesling, whose wealth of experience and solid leadership had been instrumental in driving NAPL growth and success:

“Under Peter’s guidance, we’ve achieved many great things for NAPL – including expanding the route network and the introduction of our first international service, as well as diversifying our offering with the Astra Aerolab development. Now more than ever, we are ideally placed to deliver the airport our region deserves.”

“Coming into the new Deputy Chair role I am keen to build on our successes. The ability for NAPL to unlock the true potential of this region is something we take very seriously, and I’m determined that we continue to work towards that goal.”

Also speaking today, Chair Peter Gesling said the timing was perfect for the next phase of strategic development for the Board.

“As our Board has matured, so too have our aspirations. To continue to deliver on our vision we need to continue to grow and renew.”

“As part of that process, we’re excited to introduce the new role of Deputy Chair. I also feel the time is right for me, after half a decade in the Chair, to transition to an Ambassadorial role over the coming months.”

“Certainly, the Board remains resolute in its conviction to develop over time, taking advantage of the wide range of existing knowledge, skills and experience our Directors bring.”

“This renewal process is not only best practice amongst boards worldwide but also allows us to maintain our agile and future-focussed approach to guide the airport towards more

success.”

Mr Clark’s role as Deputy Chair commences in July 2019. Current Chair, Peter Gesling will begin transitioning to a new Ambassador role with a view to being in place by November 2019, when Mr Clark will formally assume the role of Chair.

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