HUNTER TAFE FOUNDATION

Annual Report 2020/2021

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President's message

Overcoming hurdles and pivoting until we are dizzy. This seems to have been the year that was for our TAFE NSW students, sponsors and communities alike.

We at the Hunter TAFE Foundation are so in awe of all students recognised this past year as award winners in the 23 categories supported by the Foundation's very generous 18 donors and supporters to the tune of $61,000.

Given the lockdowns at the time of writing, we feel very grateful to have been in a position to hold the Hunter TAFE Foundation Awards Presentation - Semester 1 at an in-person event at our Kurri Kurri Campus, enabling our award winners to engage with the sponsors of their awards, and for the Foundation to show its gratitude to both students and sponsors for their commitment in this difficult time.

More of our board meetings were held this year on the "Teams" platform than were held in person, but they served as a profound reminder that we are indeed a team with one objective. And that is working with 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.

With our eyes firmly set on the future, we will embark on an ambitious plan to engage even closer with more Hunter and Central Coast businesses to ensure that as many students as possible have the opportunity of undertaking further education and training at TAFE NSW.

On matters of renewal and succession planning, the Foundation has been so fortunate to have enjoyed the support of TAFE NSW's Deb Powell as our Relationship Coordinator since mid-2019. We are grateful for the support of TAFE NSW, who have assisted us to recruit externally the very professional Jessica Yuan, who took over the reins from Deb in November 2020.

The Board wishes to farewell and sincerely thank Gary Webb, who was first appointed to the Foundation Board in 2006 and since 2019 has served as our President. We are grateful for Gary's wisdom, leadership and professionalism, and wish him well.

Our plans for the coming year are lofty and as we put our shoulders to the wheel with the goal of supporting even more TAFE NSW students across the Hunter and Central Coast regions, we'd like to sincerely thank all the donors and sponsors of our awards and scholarships. We really couldn't do it without you.

Yours sincerely

Karen Howard, FAICD
President

2020/2021 financial year achievements

$31,397
total donations received

$1,947
employee charitable contribution

$61,000
total value of awards and scholarships presented

52
recipients

2020/2021 in focus

Award, Scholarship	Donor	Activity
Anthony Carter Memorial Scholarship	Ted and Christine Carter and the Klosters Group	Awarded
Barker Maritime Scholarship	The late Don Barker and Annette Lynch	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
Cultural Diversity Scholarships	Northern Settlement Services	Awarded
Encouragement Awards (Youth and Adult)	Hunter TAFE Foundation	Awarded
Henry Harding Memorial Encouragement Award	Annette Harding and Chris Harding	Awarded

Award, Scholarship	Donor	Activity
Indigenous Encouragement Awards	Hunter TAFE Foundation	Awarded
Josh Woolfson Memorial Encouragement Award	Liz Woolfson	Awarded
Kaiyu Encouragement Awards	Hunter TAFE Foundation	Awarded
Moreen Edith Fashion Scholarship	Darren Hope	Awarded
Neville Sawyer Scholarship	Neville Sawyer AM	Not Awarded
Newcastle Lord Mayor's Arts Scholarship	Newcastle City Council (Newcastle Lord Mayor's Earthquake Relief Fund)	Awarded
Sonia Walkom Memorial Award	Walkom Real Estate	Awarded
Study Assistance Scholarships	Hunter TAFE Foundation	Awarded
Together Today Award	Together Today Cooperative	Awarded
Trevor Drayton Scholarship	Trevor Drayton Committee	Not Awarded
Walkom Encouragement Scholarship	Walkom Real Estate	Awarded
Woolfson Encouragement Award	Liz Woolfson	Awarded
Zonta Club of Hunter Newcastle TAFE NSW Scholarship	Zonta Club of Hunter Newcastle	Awarded

Henry Harding Memorial Encouragement Award

L-R: Chris Harding and Annette Harding

The Henry Harding Memorial Encouragement Award was newly established in 2021 by Annette Harding and Chris Harding, in memory of their son Henry, an excellent former TAFE NSW student. The scholarship is designed to recognise and reward the achievement of the recipient, encouraging and supporting their studies in pathology related courses at TAFE NSW Newcastle.

Annette and Chris, the donors, said: "Our son Henry entered TAFE as a shy and uncertain boy. Under the gentle guidance and continual encouragement of his dedicated teachers, he began to embrace with ever growing confidence his newfound abilities, passion for knowledges and desire for excellence. It was, indeed, a beautiful process to witness. His further studies transforming a dream into a reality, enabling a legacy that continues in his name today. None of us can ever really know where our futures will lead, however Henry's most definitely began at TAFE. It opened his world to boundless possibilities, and I believe, was a truly wonderful platform in which to begin."

"His life, and purpose, so beautifully encapsulated by poet Ralph Waldo Emerson: 'Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.'"

The award is valued at $1,000 and awarded each semester to outstanding student who overcome the challenges and difficulties in their study journey.

The recipient of Henry Harding Memorial Encouragement Award was announced at the Semester 1 2021 Presentation event, held in June. The recipient is studying a Certificate III in Pathology Assistance at TAFE NSW Newcastle. Their teacher has praised their amazing progress, both scholastically and personally, and their generosity with helping peers wherever needed.

Marcus Sproule

City of Newcastle Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship

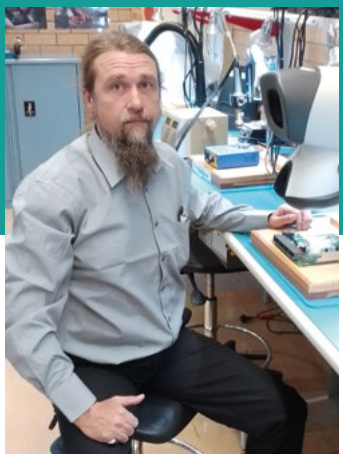
Marcus Sproule

The City of Newcastle Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship has been established to further support the City of Newcastle Aboriginal Employment Strategy (2018-2021). The scholarship is aimed at improving participation in further education and employment in the community.

Aboriginal Engagement Partner Jody Clark from City of Newcastle Council awarded the scholarship to 2021 recipient Marcus Sproule during the Presentation in June 2021.

Marcus is a proud Wonnarua man from Singleton. He has always been interested in Engineering and is currently enrolled in Certificate III Engineering Technical. Marcus is committed to his study and hopes to fast track to a Diploma next year. He wishes to be a role model in the Engineering industry and an advocate for further education in his community.

City of Newcastle



Stephen Shedden

Josh Woolfson Memorial Encouragement Award and Woolfson Encouragement Award

Stephen Shedden

The Josh Woolfson Memorial Encouragement Award was established in 2012 by Liz Woolfson in memory of her husband, Josh Woolfson, and his work in the Industrial Electronics industry. The encouragement award is presented annually to a student enrolled in a post-trade Electrotechnology qualification at TAFE NSW, studying at a campus in the Hunter or Central Coast.

To be awarded the Josh Woolfson Memorial Encouragement Award, the recipient must be nominated by their teacher, with the nomination endorsed by the Head Teacher. In 2020 the award was awarded to Stephen Shedden. Stephen had a strong commitment to developing his knowledge and skills throughout the duration of his studies. He said “I really appreciate receiving this award. The Certificate is on my desk to keep me motivated.”

In 2020, Liz Woolfson set up the Woolfson Encouragement Award to recognise and encourage a mature student who studies Business Administration at TAFE NSW Maitland.

L-R: Gary Webb and Daniel Gammon

Newcastle Lord Mayor's Arts Scholarship

Ramona Blake and Daniel Gammon

The Newcastle Lord Mayor's Arts Scholarship was established in 2004, to nurture young talent in their quest for excellence in all artistic spheres, including art, music, drama, dance, and writing. The scholarship recognises the City of Newcastle's commitment to the region's cultural development and offers financial support to young, financially disadvantaged students undertaking studies in the arts at TAFE NSW in the Hunter.

Ramona Blake and Daniel Gammon were the recipients of the scholarship in 2021.

Daniel is studying a Diploma of Screen and Media and demonstrates determination and versatility in his work. Through the skills Daniel learned at TAFE NSW, he has found the confidence and passion to make a difference to his own life and others through filmmaking. His teacher, Hannah Hartley, praised him highly: "Daniel is one of those genuinely talented students. The quality of Daniel's work has gone from strength to strength, and he always has an 'above and beyond' attitude."

City of Newcastle

David Trout, Head Teacher Fine Arts, Business and Creative Industries

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 $1,947, 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 TAFE NSW students in the Hunter and Central Coast.

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

The Hunter TAFE Foundation is proud of all our student recipients and would like to share the stories of three students who are achieving amazing successes.

Alexander Sutherland

2020 Barker Maritime Scholarship
Alexander Sutherland

Certificate IV Maritime Operations – Master 35m

The Barker Maritime Scholarship was established in 2008 by the late Don Barker and the Barker family. It is intended to encourage people employed in the maritime industry to further their education at TAFE NSW and participate in professional development to advance their career in the industry.

Alexander Sutherland is the 2020 Barker Maritime Scholarship recipient. Alexander is currently completing his Certificate IV Maritime Operations - Master 35m.

Alexander said he “is very grateful for the assistance that the Barker Maritime scholarship has provided. It enabled me to increase my knowledge, skills and qualifications as a Master of the Stockton ferry.” He is planning to use the scholarship to complete courses in marine engineering and communication.

Alexander encourages his colleagues and friends to apply for the Barker Maritime scholarship, and not to miss the opportunity to further their education and career.

Chloe Summer

Hunter TAFE Foundation Scholarships
Chloe Sumner

Certificate II in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts

Chloe Sumner is a recipient of 2021 Hunter TAFE Foundation Scholarships. Chloe is currently studying Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts following her completion of Certificate II.

"The recognition alone was incredible and so appreciated," said Chloe. "Furthermore, I was able to utilise the scholarship to purchase additional resources to assist me in creating and launching new children's teaching tools".

Chloe was ambitious enough to start up her business, 'Barka Aarts', during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The business is flourishing, and she is full of joy connecting with educators, professionals and families within the Aboriginal artist and business community.

"I want to create a legacy and have more Indigenous Culture embedded and practiced by teachers to teach our next generations to create a more positive, accepting and reconciled future."

Her teacher, Carol Cunningham, praised Chloe's artwork and said her resources are of an extremely high and professional standard, and anyone who has the privilege to receive these resources are an extremely lucky business and community.

> "I am so grateful to be connecting with my Aboriginal Culture and utilising my Educational background. I never thought I would be a business owner and be my own boss."
> Chloe Sumner - Barka Arts

Ella Sandeman

2020 Central Coast Campus Friends Equity Award
Ella Sandeman

Diploma of Visual Arts

With a passion for helping the community and a great interest in art and music, Ella Sandeman was the recipient of 2020 Central Coast Campus Friends Equity Award.

Ella studied a Diploma of Visual Arts at TAFE NSW Ourimbah. Head Teacher David Trout nominated Ella for this scholarship, describing her as one of the most committed students he has engaged with during the year, presenting both enthusiasm and commitment to the arts. Ella is also actively involved in volunteer work in her own time.

“Being awarded the Central Coast Campus Friend Equity Award helped me buy the materials to support my study of art with TAFE NSW,” said Ella. “It also encouraged me to keep engaging and make the most of my studies.”

Ella is now studying a Bachelor of Secondary Teaching at the University of Newcastle, gaining the skills and knowledge to run her own art classes. She encourages everyone to apply for this scholarship. “It is an opportunity that is not to be missed. If you are committed to your course and enjoy learning, it will most certainly help you in your studies.”

Our Board

Karen Howard

Karen Howard is an award-winning entrepreneur and successful business owner, and has served as a non-executive director and independent chairperson on not-for-profit, private, charity, and government boards for more than 19 years.

Winner of the 2013 Hunter TAFE Alumni Award for Contribution to Business, Karen is a strategic thinker with strong personal and professional networks in the private, public, government and not-for-profit sectors. She is a qualified mediator, accredited under the National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS), and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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.

Gary Webb ceased to be a Hunter TAFE Foundation Director on 16 August 2021.

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.

Joss De Iuliis ceased to be a Hunter TAFE Foundation Director on 21 October 2021.

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 Executive 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.

Kay also served for a number of years as a member of the Advisory Committee for the former TAFE NSW - Hunter Institute.

Joanne O'Malley

Joanne worked for TAFE NSW for 21 years in a variety of roles throughout the Hunter Region, most recently managing contracts, bids, and tenders as a member of the Business Development team.

In 2018 Joanne completed her accounting degree, taking up a role with the accounts team at Rural and Remote Medical Services (RARMS) – a not-for-profit charity that provides medical services to rural, remote and Indigenous communities throughout NSW.

Joanne holds a Bachelor of Business (Management) and a Bachelor of Accounting. Joanna O'Malley ceased to be a Hunter TAFE Foundation Director on 21 May 2021.

Cameron Denny

Cameron Denny is an experienced operations and risk professional, with a successful career in national and international businesses and, more recently, expert services consulting.

Having recently graduated from the University of Newcastle with a Bachelor of Business and a Bachelor of Commerce, Cameron brings a young but professional perspective to the board.

Cameron truly believes in the purpose of the Hunter Foundation, and as someone who avidly values personal development, he is excited to become a part of an organisation that is helping others accomplish their own educational endeavours.

Mark Breasley

For over 30 years, Mark has been in involved in the mining industry, accruing a wide range of management experience. He is the founder and Managing Director of MB Engineering Solutions, a market leader in the coal-handling plant maintenance arena that operates throughout the mining industries of NSW and Queensland.

Having earned his Associate Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from TAFE NSW Newcastle and his Master of Business Administration from the University of Newcastle, Mark has firsthand knowledge of the value that education and training can instil. He is proud to join an organisation that helps others to enjoy similar opportunities.

Donation FAQs

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 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 these regions who are fexperiencing financial and/or personal difficulties, and in need of support to complete their studies.

Financial report

	FYE 30/06/2018	FYE 30/06/2019	FYE 30/06/2020	FYE 30/06/2021
Donations	$ 60,559	$ 145,520	$ 117,564	$ 31,397
Investment Interest Earned	$ 29,689	$ 58,390	$ -21,938	$ 130,882
Other Income	$ 10,516	$ 12,848	$ 10,433	$ 9,430
Awards, Grants and Scholarships	$ -75,864	$ -62,281	$ -53,357	$ -54,620
Other Expenditure	$ -9,329	$ -33,481	$ -25,827	$ -22,724
Surplus	$ 15,571	$ 120,996	$ 26,875	$ 94,365
Funds invested at the beginning of the last financial year	$ 1,161,509	$ 1,177,080	$ 1,298,076	$ 1,324,951
Surplus for year	$ 15,571	$ 120,996	$ 26,875	$ 94,365
Funds invested at the end of the financial year	$ 1,177,080	$ 1,298,076	$ 1,324,951	$ 1,419,316

Funds invested by type

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Undedicated	$ 419,229	$ 568,643	$ 568,191	$ 676,846
Dedicated	$ 757,851	$ 729,433	$ 756,760	$ 742,470
	$ 1,177,080	$ 1,298,076	$ 1,324,951	$ 1,419,316

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 2021 – PKF

	2021 $	2020 $
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	512	79,091
Trade and other receivables	12,269	11,835
Held to maturity investments term deposits	1,410,055	1,299,403
Total current assets	1,422,836	1,390,329
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	3,020	8,713
Other Liabilities	500	56,665
Total liabilities	3,520	65,378
Net assets	1,419,316	1,324,951
Equity		
Retained Earnings	1,419,316	1,324,951
Total equities	1,419,316	1,324,951

Thanks to everyone who helped make 2020-2021 a success. We look forward to working with you all to make 2021-2022 even better.

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