



GREATER HUNTER\*  
**MAKERS  
 FESTIVAL**

**Greater Hunter Makers Festival – Speaking Schedule Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Session #	Time	Suggested Theme	Speakers
1	10.00	Growing the future STEM capability of the Hunter Region	Dr Scott Sleaf, ME Program Director, RDA Hunter
2	10.30	Newcastle City Council- Transforming Newcastle: The Newcastle Smart City Initiative and Hunter Innovation Project	Dr Nathaniel Bavinton, Smart City Co-Ordinator, Newcastle City Council
3	11.00	One minute's silence will be observed for Remembrance day	All
4	11.01	Federal Government assistance for Innovation and Business Growth	Dr Natalie Gillam, Assistant Regional Manager, Ausindustry – Entrepreneurs Program and Ms Mariann Fee, Director, Business Development and Commercial - Manufacturing at CSIRO
5	11.30	NSW Government Assistance to Business	Suzette Gaff, Business Development Manager, NSW Department of Industry
6	12.00	An Engineering career through university of Newcastle – revised program	Associate Professor Bill McBride, Assistant Dean Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment
7	1.00pm – 1.45pm	Official Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Woods, Chair Ai Group Hunter Industry Leaders Council,</li> <li>• Councillor Jason Dunn, Deputy Lord Mayor of Newcastle</li> <li>• The Hon Scott MacDonald, MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter and Central Coast, representing the Premier of NSW.</li> <li>• Vote of Thanks: Ms Christine Warrington, Director Hunter TAFE</li> </ul>
8	2.10pm- 2.40pm	The research capabilities of the University of Newcastle	Associate Professor Steven Weller, Deputy Head of Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment, University of Newcastle, - What the UoN has to offer Industry in research and teaching to assist regional business transformation.
9	3.00pm –	Guest Speaker and panel	Guest Speaker: Phillip Butler, Chairman Textor

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	4.15pm	session - theme "The Future for Manufacturing"	<p>Technologies, Melbourne: "A Case Study in Business Transformation: Textor Technologies"</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Phillips Managing Director, Varley Group</li> <li>• Steven Weller, Faculty of Engineering, UoN</li> <li>• Christine Warrington Director Hunter TAFE</li> <li>• Ms Kari Armitage, Managing Director, Quarry mining</li> <li>• Two STEM high school students</li> </ul> <p>Moderated by Leanne Cruden, Principal Advocate, Ai Group</p>
10	4.15pm	Networking, cocktail function	