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*The Greater Hunter Region incorporates the Hunter, Central Coast and Mid North Coast

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The Hunter region is 160 km north of Sydney with access by road, rail and air. There are also direct flights from Brisbane, Melbourne and Canberra. The Central Coast Region sits between the Hunter and Sydney. The Mid North Coast sits to the north with principal cities Taree, Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour. The three regions for the purpose of this Festival, represent the "Greater Hunter Region."

REGION'S STRENGTHS

1. The University of Newcastle is second in Australia (after CSIRO), in company based research under the Federal Government "Research Connections Program" and is also ranked number 7 in the world in research automation controls;

2. The Hunter has deep engineering skills and abilities from 150 years plus in manufacturing and engineering;

3. We still have "trade families" and a ripe field for recruiting;

4. There are 256 METS (mining, engineering and Technical services) companies in the Hunter;

5. The STEM engagement in our schools is the highest in Australia and provides us with a highly capable future workforce. Our technology skills and knowledge transcend three generations;

6. Regional manufacturing is undergoing significant transformation by becoming higher tech, nimble, investing in R&D and becoming more globally engaged;

7. Innovation in our companies is really inspiring, widespread and growing;

8. We have a young population, first class educational facilities, plenty of land, supportive councils, miniscule crime rate, plenty of recreational and sporting facilities – and a great climate. It is a great place to set up a business and bring up a family.

To view a cross section of manufacturing and technology companies, visit the Hunternet website; *www.hunternet.com.au* and search *"Members"*

For a description of the Hunter region, see the Hunter Business Prospectus at www.rdahunter.org.au

The Makers and Technology Festival event will have wide representation from: innovative manufacturing, engineering technology companies, construction, researchers, start-ups, METS, Defence and related technologies, Aerospace industry, Electric Vehicles, University, TAFE NSW, STEM high schools and Investors.

To see a progressive list of exhibitors go to *makersfestival.com.au*

For Electric Vehicle show information visit *hunterevfestival.com.au*

Business Visitors will have access to the Event from 9am on Friday 21st September (general visitors will have access from 1pm on that day and from 9.30am-3.30pm Saturday 22nd September).

PROGRAM

9.00am Event open
12.30pm Official opening
3.00pm Guest Speakers and Panel session
4.00pm Business Networking Session with refreshments.

To register your attendance, please go to *makersfestival.com.au*

Admission is Free

ACCOMMODATION

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Quest Apartments
Noahs on the Beach

Delegations from other regions and overseas are very welcome. In case we can be of assistance, please let us know at: makersfestival@aigroup.com.au

The Festival has been organised by the Australian Industry Group (a peak national industry body) with financial support from the below key supporters:

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