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THE NHJC IS PROUD TO BE
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Only three great events left for the NHJC in 2008! Make sure you get along to some of these networking opportunities.

We have Sheridan Ferrier at our September dinner forum and Shirley Dalton speaking to us in October.

These two dinner forums are great opportunities to network with like-minded

people, enjoy a great meal and hear from quality speakers.

Then it's time to let your hair down at our Christmas party, one of the first of the season on Friday, November 28.

We're heading to Darby Bar and Grill for canapés, drinks and entertainment. Mark the date in your diaries and stay tuned for more details, coming very soon.

Don't forget, to attend these events at a discounted rate all you have to do is become a member of the NHJC for only \$30. We have reduced the fee for the second half of the year to give our members even more value. I look forward to seeing you at an event soon!

Kind Regards,

Elizabeth Keevers

President 2008

September Dinner Forum SHERIDAN FERRIER



Hunter Regional Tourism Organisation CEO, Sheridan Ferrier, was appointed to this position in July this year following a two year stint as Marketing Manager.

Sheridan has had a varied career, completing a teaching degree – only to discover that teaching wasn't her thing. She then moved to Sydney and worked in fashion, where she became the face of iconic brand Fiorelli and competed in the Miss Australia competition.

Sheridan then started her own business,

Models in the Making, to fund her Masters of Management (Major in Marketing) degree.

Soon after completing her studies Sheridan was appointed Marketing Coordinator of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority where her task was to promote The Rocks, which at the time was a struggling tourist destination. After seven years of hard work The Rocks was finally recognised a major tourism destination thanks to Sheridan's vision.

Since her time at HRTTO, Sheridan has showcased the Hunter's truly unique product to key travel agents in America and Asia. Come and hear Sheridan talk about her vivid career, how she got her start and her vision for the multi-million dollar industry that is Hunter Tourism.

When: Thursday, 25 September

Time: 6 for 6.30pm

Where: Mattara, Charlestown

Cost: \$36 members

\$46 non-members

RSVP: www.nhjc.com.au

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LAST DINNER FORUM: WHO YOU MISSED



DR WEJ PARADICE CEO, HUNTER VALLEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION

At the last dinner forum, held at Butler's, the NHJC heard from Wej Paradice, CEO of the Hunter Valley Research Foundation.

Wej gave us an overview of his life growing up in Scone and the eight years that he spent in Colorado, which shaped his interest in maintaining the environment.

In 1982 he joined the Hunter Valley Research Foundation (HVRF) and became CEO just two years later. The HVRF is involved with health, work and behavior research, however the organisation is best known for its economic research and statistics, relied on by many businesses throughout the region.

Wej is also involved with the Catchment Management Authority Trust and the Hunter Central Rivers Catchment. Through these avenues Wej has been exploring ways that we can balance our natural environment with the needs of modern life and a thriving economy, with particular reference to Newcastle and the Hunter Valley.



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NHJC BOARD VACANCIES

The NHJC currently has two positions available on the board. Board members assist in the planning of NHJC events and manage the many activities and ventures we undertake. Becoming a board member gives you an opportunity to get involved with the local community and further connect with the young business leaders of Newcastle. Please send expressions of interest to mail@nhjc.com.au

NHJC MEMBERSHIP

Join the NHJC now! As of August 1, membership of the NHJC is only \$30 for the rest of 2008. Membership entitles you to discounted rates at all of our events, a variety of member benefits, entry to Hunter Business Chamber events at their member prices and of course opportunities to network with the young business leaders of tomorrow. Join now on our website www.nhjc.com.au

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September Dinner Forum

Speaker: Sheridan Ferrier
When: Thursday, 25 September
Time: 6.00 for 6.30 pm
Where: Mattara, Charlestown
Cost: \$36 members
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RSVP: www.nhjc.com.au

October Dinner Forum

Speaker: Shirley Dalton
When: Thursday, 30 October
Time: 6.00 for 6.30 pm
Where: Apollo, Charlestown
Cost: \$36 members
\$46 non-members
RSVP: www.nhjc.com.au

NHJC Christmas bash

When: Friday, 28 November
Time: 6.00 pm
Where: Darby Bar and Grill
What: Canapés, drinks, social networking and entertainment.

More details coming soon!



The University of Newcastle has a strong history of achievement. Backed by a community desire to provide career opportunities for people in the Hunter region, the University has grown from a locally-focused institution to an internationally orientated organisation with a globally recognised research reputation.



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