

## Hunter TAFE Foundation Board Members



**John Fitzgerald**

John Fitzgerald is the President of the Hunter Institute of Technology Foundation. He is currently a member of the Hunter TAFE Institute Advisory Council and has been on the Board of the Hunter Institute Foundation since 2000. John is a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Australia and a Member of both the Institute of Industrial Engineers and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



**Phil Cox**

Phil was appointed Institute Director, Hunter TAFE in January 2006. He has 18 years experience with TAFE NSW in senior managerial positions, including Institute Director at Western Sydney Institute and Deputy Director at North Coast and Sydney Institutes. He is a strong advocate of the NSW Public Education System and prior to joining TAFE NSW, Phil worked for several other NSW government departments and agencies for almost 20 years.



**Joss De Iuliis**

Joss is a well known member of the Hunter business community and has successfully built a number of manufacturing / engineering enterprises in the Hunter region. He is Chairman of Custom Fluid Power, Fluidtech International, Newcastle Field Maintenance and GDAME. Joss is a stakeholder in the Hunter region's wine industry, is chairman of De Iuliis wines and is an ambassador for the Hunter's wine and tourism industries.



**Greg Hopper**

Greg Hopper is the Chair of the Hunter Institute Council and has been the President of the Warners Bay Chamber of Commerce for 15 years. He has an extensive background in Consulting Administration and Management, has a degree in Mechanical Engineering and is a respected business owner in the Hunter Region. Greg runs a number of award-winning restaurants and function centres across the region, including Awaba House, Saltwater Grill at Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, Dixon Beach Surf Club Catering and Caves Beachside.



### **Denis Nichols**

Denis is a retired Fitter and Machinist and retired AWMU union organiser. Denis was President of the Newcastle Trades Hall Council for 14 years, Chairman of the Hunter Region WorldSkills for 7 years, a member of the Hunter TAFE Institute Advisory Council for 11 years and a Newcastle City Councillor for 9 years.



### **Kay Peno**

Kay currently holds a senior position with the Department of Education and Training (DET) as the School Education Director with responsibility for 30 DET schools in Lake Macquarie. She is a member of the DET Hunter/Central Coast Regional Executive team, and for over 6 years was Principal of Lisarow High School on the Central Coast. Kay has held various executive positions in three Hunter High Schools and was a Regional Manager for the then Hunter Region and the Hunter Liaison Officer for the NSW Board of Studies.



### **Gary Webb**

Gary is the CEO and a Director of Newcastle Port Corporation. He is also a Director of Ports Australia and the Hunter Valley Coal Chain Co-ordinator; and a fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He is a member of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority Advisory Committee and the University of Newcastle's Centre for Brain and Mental Health Research Advisory Board. In 2008 Gary was named as Newcastle City Council's Australia Day Citizen of the Year.