



ANNUAL
LORD MAYOR'S
PRAYER
BREAKFAST **2018**

CELEBRATING
10
Years

Starlight Room, West Leagues Club
FRIDAY, 1ST JUNE 2018

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Welcome

Nuatali Nelmes was first elected as a Councillor with the City of Newcastle in 2008 and was elected Lord Mayor in 2014.

Nuatali works openly and cooperatively with the community to position Newcastle as Australia's most sustainable city. Nuatali is passionate about delivering a shared vision to renew Newcastle – building the healthy, vibrant and smart city that we deserve. She is married to Stuart and they have three children.

The Annual Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast brings together like-minded people and organisations to celebrate shared values that benefit our community. These values unite us and help all Newcastle residents, irrespective of their background, feel a commonality of purpose and place.

"I am committed to compassion, respect, tolerance, justice and equality



in our city - values that enhance the social fabric of our community and that, as Lord Mayor, I will strive to protect for all citizens."

**Councillor Nuatali Nelmes
Lord Mayor of Newcastle**



The purpose of the Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is to acknowledge God, the power of unity and prayer and to invite the blessing of God over the region and its people.

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Celebrating 10 Consecutive Years

Newcastle has a heritage of church and civic leaders coming together to pray for the welfare of the city. In 1990 after the Newcastle earthquake (1989), the city leaders along with 800 people from churches around the region gathered at the West Leagues Club to pray. In 2009 after a break in this significant prayer gathering a group of Newcastle pastors approached the then Lord Mayor Cr John Tate about again hosting an annual prayer breakfast. He agreed and together they initiated an annual event that has been hosted by Lord Mayor Cr John Tate 2009 / 2012, Lord Mayor Cr Jeff McCloy in 2013/2014 and presently Lord Mayor Cr Nuatali Nelmes.

This year marks a significant milestone of 10 consecutive years. The commitment of so many to gather together reflects the willing ability of civic, church, business and community

leadership to journey together in a God honouring way! During this journey through the generosity of those that have gathered many thousands of dollars have been given to charities that represent a small portion of the vast and impressive charitable work that is done throughout our region.

This year marks more than what has been it looks forward to the decade to come. As we gather to acknowledge God, the power of unity and prayer a pathway is set that will shape the future of generations to come.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the last 10 years.

Blessings,

Rick and Sue Prosser
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2018 Breakfast Beneficiary



Each year, a charity is chosen by the Lord Mayor to be recognised for the great work that they do in the community. The 2018 beneficiary winner is Zara's House.

Zara's House is a not-for-profit organization that is about collaboration with caring citizens to involve refugees in social and vocational activities. Zara's House is the

Previous Beneficiary Winners
www.lmpb.org.au

inspiration and the determination of Sister Diana Santleben O.P. She saw the need for a safe place where refugee women could have fun with Australian women – sharing time and talent while learning English and settling into their new home and culture.

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Peter Gibbs: Newcastle Ambassador & Founder of IPROWD



Peter Gibbs is a Gamillaroi man from the tiny village of Weilmoringle in the far west of NSW, he grew up in what could be described as a semi traditional life. Peter's Great Grandfather Jack Orcher had a vision for his family - that Peter's Generation would be educated and as Weilmoringle School only went to Year 6, that only meant one thing - boarding school! In 1978 off he went with some of his other relatives to a Catholic Boarding School at Forbes in Central West NSW. He's the eldest son of Peter Gibbs & Margaret Orcher. His mum passed away due to cancer in 1977, he has two brothers but sadly his only sister passed way also just 28.

His sister's TRAGIC death in a Police cell in Brewarrina in 1997 was the catalyst for what we now know as the IPROWD Program, which is now State-wide, has trained over 600 Aboriginal people with many now working for NSW Police as Sworn and Unsworn Officers. Peter has worked for many State & Federal Agencies, he's been a former Federal Government Ministerial Advisor treading the hallways of Canberra and he's been on numerous boards & committees. Peter previously worked for TAFE NSW leading the IPROWD program and currently works as Senior Advisor for the Hon Sarah Mitchell - Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Assistant Minister for Education.

Prayer of Declaration & Blessing

Heavenly Father, we thank you for this wonderful city of Newcastle and the Greater Newcastle Region.

This morning we come before you and humble ourselves under your mighty hand and seek your face for this wonderful city and region.

As you welcome us into your presence we welcome those who enter our city. May our welcome reflect your welcome.

We seek the welfare of our city, 'our place' and pray to our Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare is our welfare.

Father help us to comfort the lonely, bring healing to the hurting and restore those who are broken especially our women and children.

We ask that you forgive us of our sins and bring healing to our land.

Father we pray that this city would be a place that people find hope and a future.

We place the future of this city and her people in your hands knowing you are a faithful God.

We stand together in unity and call upon you to bless this city and protect all in it LORD.

Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

We pray in the powerful name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, Amen

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