



**KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE BREAKFAST FORUM
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HUNTERNET
WEDNESDAY 18th MAY
GREEN ROOM, Townson Oval, Merewether**

TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
8:00 AM	BREAKFAST SERVED, WELCOME, HOUSEKEEPING	Mr Boris Novak <i>HunterNet</i>
8:10 AM	WELCOME AND NEWH2 UPDATES	Ms Clare Sykes <i>NewH2</i>
8:20 AM	OVERVIEW OF THE SCALING GREEN HYDROGEN CRC BID	Mr Paul Hodgson <i>Scaling Green Hydrogen CRC</i>
8:40 AM	ENERGY ESTATE: HUNTER HYDROGEN NETWORK (H2N)	Mr Simon Currie <i>Energy Estate</i>
9:00 AM	ADVANCED MANUFACTURING FUND AND THE MELT MUSWELLBROOK EXPANSION	Trent Bagnall <i>The MELT</i>
9:15 AM	Q&A SESSION	Ms Clare Sykes <i>NewH2</i>
9:30 AM	CLOSE	Ms Clare Sykes <i>NewH2</i>

BIOGRAPHIES



Mr Boris Novak, Industry Advisor, Hunternet

After a career as a RAAF Electrical Engineering Officer specialising in Tactical Communications-Electronics deployments and air traffic navigational aids and radars, Boris established a systems engineering company that serviced the Defence and Defence Industry for nearly 20 years in specialised command and control systems, big data analytics and machine learning, training and test ranges instrumentation, and held leadership positions in national rapid prototyping and development. Since exiting his business, he has supported HunterNet and is involved in nurturing opportunities around Energy, Resources, Infrastructure & Asset Management, Environment & Sustainability, Defence, Medtech. Boris Chairs the Hunter Hydrogen Technology Cluster, NewH2.



Ms Clare Sykes, Cluster Manager, NewH2: Hunter Hydrogen Technology Cluster

An Engineer with a background in resources and associated industries, Clare has worked at both operational and executive levels across both public and private sectors for more than 25 years. As Managing Director of LarkinSykes, Clare provides executive consultative services on strategy and innovation development for the resources and associated sectors. Prior roles include General Manager International Markets with METS Ignited, and senior roles within NSW Department of Industry. In March 2021, Ms Sykes was appointed Cluster Manager for NewH2.



Mr Paul Hodgson, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Scaling Green Hydrogen CRC

Paul Hodgson is an advisor in innovation, the energy transition and economic growth with diverse experience and insights gained over a 30 year career. Amongst his current roles, he is Interim CEO of the Scaling Green Hydrogen Cooperative Research Centre Bid, a member of the Australian Government's Low Emissions Technology and Services Working Group, and a Non-Executive Director of Queensland Manufacturing Institute. With a Bachelor of International Business and a Master of Sustainable Development, he is passionate about developing local talent and enterprise capability and connecting it into global market opportunities. As General Manager for the East Coast for NERA, he was a regular visitor to the Hunter Region and led the development of the national hydrogen technology cluster network, which makes him all the more delighted to be speaking today at this NEWH2 event.

Mr Simon Currie, Principal, Energy Estate

Simon Currie is the co-founder of Energy Estate, an Australian company which is developing large scale renewable energy, storage, green hydrogen projects and accelerating clean industrial clusters. He has over 30 years experience in global energy markets and is recognised for his approach to systems thinking and commitment to building local supply chains and partnerships with benefits for communities and stakeholders.

Mr Trent Bagnall, Managing Partner, Melt Ventures and CEO, Melt Accelerator

Trent Bagnall is currently the Managing Partner at Melt Ventures and CEO at The Melt Accelerator. Trent has invested into over 100 companies over the past decade and has a passion for advising and investing in early stage businesses. Prior to establishing Melt Ventures, Trent founded Slingshot where he oversaw investment programs and helped drive the innovation strategy for over 30 large corporates such as QANTAS, HCF, Lion Nathan and Caltex. Trent is Chair of ASX listed Camplify which recently listed on the ASX, Trent also founded ASX Listed QMASTOR Ltd (QML:ASX), a technology, software and service company. Trent has a Bachelor of Environmental Science from the University of Newcastle.



NewH2 – Hunter Hydrogen Technology Cluster is part of a national initiative and works to support the emerging hydrogen economy in NSW by facilitating connections and knowledge sharing throughout the state and beyond

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