



The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR HUNTER LOCAL VENUES COUNCIL

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, today invited interested people to apply for appointment to the new Hunter Local Venues Council.

The venues comprising the Hunter Local Venues Council include Ausgrid Stadium, Newcastle Entertainment Centre and Showground, and other sporting and recreation facilities in the precinct.

“Advertisements seeking expressions of interest will be appearing in the local media from tomorrow and I would urge anyone who believes they can make a contribution to apply,” Minister Annesley said.

“The Government is looking for people with an interest in the potential of these venues as they are an important part of the region’s sporting and community infrastructure.

“The Council will assist Venues NSW with community consultation, providing feedback about plans for venues, providing advice on improvements to venues, providing strategic direction to regional tourism and events, as well as assisting with sport and recreation development and boosting community participation.

“Up to seven members of the local community will be selected to form the Hunter Local Venues Council,” Mr Annesley added.

Successful applicants will be expected to attend six to eight meetings per year and out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed.

The Chair of Hunter Local Venues Council will also be on the Board of Venues NSW.

“Applications close at 5.00 pm on 9 December 2011 and I urge people with a genuine interest in achieving for their local community to apply,” Mr Annesley concluded.

For more information go to www.communities.nsw.gov.au/venuesnsw

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