



Media Release

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Newcastle Permanent assisting with Stadium superscreen

Newcastle Permanent Building Society has entered into an agreement with the Hunter International Sports Centre Trust to assist in the provision of a new video replay screen soon to be installed at EnergyAustralia Stadium.

The new scoreboard, measuring more than 38m² will be located above the corporate boxes on the southern hill and is due for installation early July.

The agreement was announced at EnergyAustralia Stadium by the Chairman of Newcastle Permanent, Mr Michael McDonald. This coincided with the official opening of the new Eastern Grandstand by NSW Premier Bob Carr.

Mr McDonald said that the people who live in and around Australia's sixth largest city have long deserved a quality sporting facility such as this stadium is now becoming.

"It is for this reason that we have agreed to assist the Trust in adding what could be described as one of the important finishing touches," Mr McDonald said.

"The superscreen will add to the amenity of the stadium and significantly enhance the quality of the experience for everyone who uses this facility – whether for Knights or Newcastle United Jets games, or for the many other purposes that the Trust will be now be able to promote."

Newcastle Permanent has a long and proud tradition of providing support for the community.

In August 2004, Premier Carr officially launched the Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation – a purpose designed philanthropic vehicle that has enabled Newcastle Permanent to increase the scale and the scope of that support.

Newcastle Permanent also supports a range a community-based activities and initiatives including the Knights Junior Development Program, Hunter and Central Coast Junior Surf Lifesaving, and Newcastle Permanent Primary School Maths Competition.

Mr McDonald said that the level of support shown for the Knights in terms of the crowds that the team continues to draw for its home games demonstrates the value of this stadium as a community resource,

"For this reason Newcastle Permanent is proud to assist the Trust to add to the value of its primary asset and deliver this outcome for the region's people."