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## Newcastle Permanent honours Michael Slater

*Please attribute to Jeff Eather, Chair Newcastle Permanent Building Society:*

The Directors, Executive Management, staff and community partners of Newcastle Permanent are exceptionally saddened by the loss of one of our organisation's most influential and long-serving Directors, former Chair Michael Slater.

Today we're thinking mostly of the loss felt by his family – his wife Neryl, sons Gavin and Scott, their partners and young children, all of whom Mike was so very proud.

I've been privileged to work with Mike during his tenure of Chair, and personally and professionally have admired his knowledge, passion and tenacity in the Boardroom as well as when carrying out his many other roles in community organisations.

Mike joined the Newcastle Permanent Board in August 2002 and was Chair from 2007 until he stood down last October. Mike demonstrated an unsurpassed passion for continuous improvement, robust governance and corporate philanthropy. Last year, Mike received recognition for this, honoured with not only the 2016 Business Leader of the Year Award from the Hunter Business Chamber, but going on to receive the NSW Business Chamber's highest individual honour – the NSW Business Leader of the Year Award.

His stewardship of the Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation over the past 10 years further demonstrated his passion for supporting the community and his commitment to making a significant difference to less fortunate people in our community as he helped the Foundation to become what we believe is the largest of its kind in regional Australia.

Mike's contribution to Newcastle Permanent can't be overstated, and we know his loss will come as a heavy loss to the Hunter and broader NSW business and not-for-profit communities.

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