



# Famous Novocastrian faces

With such a diverse population, it's no surprise that there are so many famous faces who have called Newcastle home. Whether it's art, performing, sports, comedy, music or modelling, Novocastrians are immensely talented.

## MODELING

- Jennifer Hawkins – Miss Universe 2004, current face of Myer department store.

## SPORT

- Rugby League – Paul Harragon, Andrew Johns (considered one of the modern greats), Matthew Johns, Clive Churchill (regarded one of the best ever played, memorialised through the Clive Churchill medal awarded to the best player of a grand final and a stand named after him in the SCG).
- Justin Norris - butterfly and individual medley swimmer, who won the bronze medal in the 200m butterfly at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.
- Mark Richards - surfer. Four times world champion (1979-1982), and highly respected by his peers he now owns a surf shop in Newcastle, where he sells his own board designs.
- Ben Lexcen, yachtsman and marine architect. He is famous for the winged keel design applied to *Australia II* which, in 1983, became the first non-American yacht to win the prestigious America's Cup in 132 years.
- Belinda Clark – played cricket for Australia from 1991 to 2005, winning the world championship in 1997 and 2005. First female to bat a double century in a one day test and was inducted in the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame in 2011.

## ARTISTS

- William Dobell - sculptor and painter. Won the Archibald Prize for portraiture in 1943, 1948 and 1959.
- John Earle - one of Australia's most renowned landscape artists.



## ENTERTAINERS

- Yahoo Serious - best known for his 1988 comedy, *Young Einstein*. He also created *Reckless Kelly* in 1993 and *Mr. Accident* in 2000.
- Mikey Robbins – began his career in the Castanet Club, now co-hosts Good New's World and is a columnist for the Daily Telegraph and GQ.
- John Doyle (of Roy & HG)
- Peter Cave - ABC foreign correspondent journalist. Five-time winner of Australian journalism's most prestigious award, the Walkley, for his coverage of the Tianamen Square massacre, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the war in Iraq.
- Dein Perry – creator of the Tap dogs and directed the movie Bootmen based on the Tap dogs experience.
- Celebrity vet Chris Brown – The host and vet on Channel 10's 'Bondi Vet' was born and bred in Newcastle and attended Merewether High School.
- Actors Sarah Wynter, Sophie Lee, Dean Waite and Rhys Muldoon hail from Newcastle.
- Singer and Australian Idol judge Marcia Hines calls Newcastle home.

## BANDS

- Silverchair – one of the most successful Australian bands and have won more ARIA's than any other band in Australian history.
- Screaming Jets – best known for their single "Better" released in 1991, three of their albums made it in the top 5 of the ARIA chart.