

INFRASTRUCTURE INTEGRATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE HUNTER REGION

Investing in demographic shift and urban infrastructure growth in the Hunter Region

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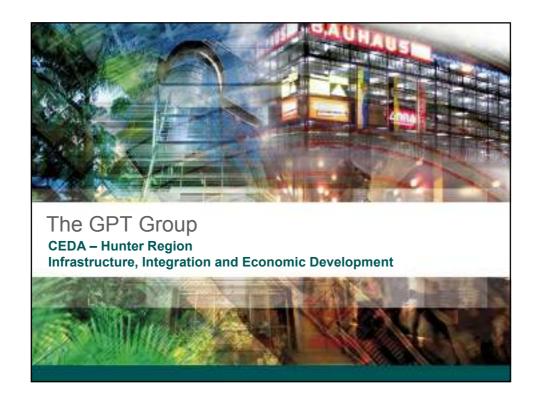










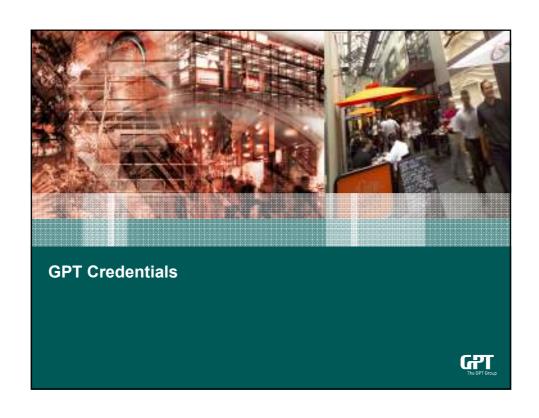


### Overview

- General Property Trust established 1971
- Top 100 ASX listed entity, 6% Australian LPT Index
- Total assets \$13.9 billion
- Large, diversified property portfolio
  - Australian Retail, Office, Industrial/Business Parks
  - US Seniors Housing
  - Offshore investments Europe and US (through Joint Venture)
- Significant funds management business
  - Australia and Europe
- Substantial Australian development pipeline
  - Retail, Office, Industrial/Business Parks

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**Newcastle CBD Rejuvenation - Retail** 



## The Hunter

- Attractive market
  - 7<sup>th</sup> largest urban area
  - Increasing services focus
  - Growing inner city population
  - Growing economy, greater diversity of business
- Attractive retail fundamentals
  - Region to grow by 160,000 people
  - Forecast retail expenditure growth of 4.9% p.a.

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### Newcastle CBD

- Understanding the rejuvenation of the entire CBD
- Global research The Hornery Institute's *Decay to Destination*
- Attracting decision makers and entrepreneurs to enable innovation, creativity and enterprise
- People and business want to come and stay
- A vibrant CBD
- A people place with a sense of identity
- Reasons to visit
- Compact and accessible
- A window to the region reflecting the heritage, journey and current and future identity
- The best at what they can be the best at
- True to themselves and
- Reflective of local culture.



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## Global Research





Belfast, Ireland

Glasgow, Scotland



# Newcastle CBD Rejuvenation

- Opportunity to develop major CBD retail and mixed use asset
- Site encompassing four CBD blocks
  - Proposal to deliver quality retail and entertainment offer
  - Potential for mixed use
- Program commenced
  - Privately owned land secured
  - Land Agreement Signed with Newcastle City Council
  - AFL signed by cornerstone major tenant David Jones
  - Ongoing discussions with council/authorities
  - Community engagement and website launched

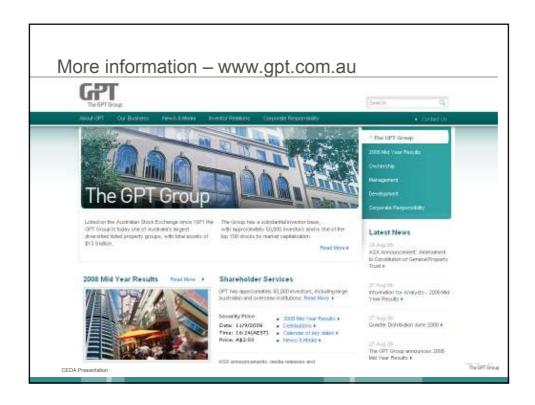


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# Newcastle CBD Rejuvenation

- Offer to cater to diverse customer base
  - Local centre to Primary Trade Area
  - Urban experience for wider Hunter community
  - CBD Workers
  - Unique "Hunter" experience for Tourists
- Planning for mixed use elements
  - Commercial
  - Residential
- Revival of CBD retail experience
  - Community history
  - Heritage

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