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BRIGHT HORIZONS FOR NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Newcastle University today fared exceptionally well in the Australian Research Council's National Competitive Grants Program, exceeding the national success rate in fundamental research Discovery Grants and gaining the 7th largest grant funding in partnership Linkage Grants.

That our University has done so well in grants is much deserved recognition of the high level of commitment and excellence demonstrated by our research academics and lays an excellent foundation for the future.

Although \$4.2m for Linkages grants rates highly in dollar terms, the below average success rate for our total linkage grants shows scope for advancing partnerships with regional and international enterprise. With business confidence in the Hunter region high at present, there is ample opportunity to forge new research partnerships with our university.

I congratulate our university on their performance today and encourage regional business to take advantage of current prosperity by investing in research partnerships with the university to secure our future success.

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