

PROFILE – Helen Dyball.

Born & bred in Newcastle (Waratah) with Grand Parents settling in the Hunter Valley early 1900's I am proud to be called a Novocastrian.

Self employed since 1981 I operated a whitegoods business in Sydney the payroll consisted of 14 people, including office & showroom/sales staff, servicemen, and delivery driver /installers. During that time The Appliance Industry Association was formed and I was appointed treasurer and became an active member for a number of years. The business was sold in 1995 and my husband Robert and I returned to Newcastle.

In 2004 a part time position at Tocal Agriculture College found me working on the Tocal Field Days and also Hunter Harvest Association I was appointed Chairperson and a member for that Association for a couple of years.

To-day I am Director of Snails Bon Appetite, the only commercial snail farm operating in Australia to-day. SBA has 20 Network Growers throughout Australia who provide snails for processing and distributing. This year we are applying for an export licence which will enable us to take the Hunter Valley snail – The Australian Escargot to the world!!

2007 I joined Hunter Chefs & Co, to represent the local producers and to be involved in the promotion of the Hunter region.