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UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE TAX CLINIC

Empowering Communities Through Accessible Tax Services

The University of Newcastle Tax Clinic, the first of its kind in our region, provides free tax advice and services to individuals and small businesses in financial hardship and vulnerable circumstances, including those experiencing homelessness, abuse, illness, or disability. Operated by students from the Newcastle Business School, the clinic offers hands-on experience under the supervision of registered tax agents and academic staff.

PARTNERSHIP CAPABILITIES

- **Free Tax Advice:** Assistance with income tax returns, BAS, tax debt negotiations, and identity fraud
- **Community Outreach:** Pop-up clinics and educational sessions for remote and underserved groups
- **Student Training:** Practical experience for business and commerce students in real-world tax scenarios
- **Advocacy:** Representation and support for clients dealing with regulatory agencies

PROVEN IMPACT

- Established in 2022 with approximately \$300,000 in funding over a three-year period under the National Tax Clinic program
- Over 610 tax returns lodged since 2022
- \$450,000 in refunds secured for clients
- Operates from level 2 of the NuSpace campus during university semesters

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH TAX SUPPORT

The Tax Clinic helped a single mother recover thousands in unclaimed refunds after years of unfiled returns. With student-led support and professional guidance, she resolved her tax debt and regained financial stability. This case exemplifies the clinic's mission to empower vulnerable individuals through accessible tax services.



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