

THE board of Hunter disability support organisation Life Activities has been expanded and strengthened with the appointment of two new members.

Chairman Peter Smith has welcomed Lake Macquarie Mayor **John Kilpatrick** and businessman **Richard Hall**.

Mr Hall works in the travel industry. During his studies he received a number of awards including the University of Newcastle Convocation Award and he was joint winner of the 1997 Hunter Tourism Award for Excellence.

'At 27, Richard brings youth, business experience and a fresh outlook to our team at Life Activities,' Mr Smith said.

'And he's not too bad at fundraising either, having coordinated the 1998 charity dinner which realised \$12,000.'

Mr Smith said he was delighted that Cr Kilpatrick had made time in his busy schedule to join the board.

Now in his third consecutive term as Mayor of Lake Macquarie, Cr Kilpatrick is already involved with a range of church, business and community groups.

'John understands communities and he is passionate about creating innovative services that will improve the lives of Lake Macquarie people.'

Cr Kilpatrick and Mr Hall join 10 other board members who include businessman and Newcastle Citizen of the Year Roy Duffy, managing director of Helen Duncan Promotions Tracy McKelligot, ABC Radio Newcastle manager Mike McCluskey and managing partner of Thomas Laycock Solicitors and Mediators Trevor Laycock.

'We have an innovative, dynamic board who want to change the system to increase the community's awareness and improve the lives of people with a disability,' Mr Smith said.

Life Activities is a not-for-profit organisation that provides education, training and support to people with a disability, the disadvantaged and their support networks.

It has offices in Newcastle, Maitland and Muswellbrook.

A FORMER teacher with the architecture faculty of the University of Newcastle has been appointed to lead the oldest body of architects in Australia.

For only the second time in 131 years, NSW architects have elected a woman, **Caroline Pidcock**, as their leader.



RICHARD HALL



CAROLINE PIDCOCK



GARY WILLS



LAINIE BERRY



SCOTT RICHARDSON



JUSTIN DOYLE



ALAN BROADFOOT



ROBERT BOOTH

new appointments

Still in her 30s, Ms Pidcock has already contributed much to the architecture profession. With expertise in ecologically sustainable development (ESD), she has played a leading role in developing The Royal Australian Institute of Architects ESD policy and its Environment Design Guide.

The director of her own Sydney-based architectural practice, Ms Pidcock's projects have won many awards.

'I'm particularly interested in making architecture an inclusive activity in the community,' she said.

'As well as taking every opportunity to promote the vital importance of ESD, I hope to increase the public's appreciation of architecture and its role in creating better places to live.'

GARY Wills has been appointed audit partner and team leader at Lawler Partners.

Mr Wills has a strong reputation in the specialist field

and his experience includes national audit work with an international firm.

He has more than seven years in assurance and business advisory services with PricewaterhouseCoopers ranging from statutory audits to internal audits and efficiency reviews.

He was also chief financial officer with Winepros Limited for two years and his professional experience includes work for the media, advertising, mining, retail and Internet sectors.

Mr Wills holds a Bachelor of Financial Administration from the University of New England and he is a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

He is married and interested in winemaking, furniture making, rugby union, cricket and golf.

TWO senior key appointments have been made at Wyndham Estate.

Lainie Berry has been appointed public relations

and operations manager and **Scott Richardson** cellar door sales manager.

Ms Berry has experience in communication and human resources management roles in the consumer goods industry in Australia, New Zealand and the UK.

In a previous position she focused on organisational change where she managed several large corporate events.

Mr Richardson formerly held a management role at another winery in the region.

He has worked in the wine industry for a number of years including experience with the Hunter Valley Wine Society and Australian Wine Selectors.

AMPCONTROL board of directors has made two new executive appointments.

Dr Alan Broadfoot will become chief executive officer and **Robert Booth** chief financial officer.

Dr Broadfoot has led the management and operations team in recent years and has been endorsed by the board as the future leader of Ampcontrol.

Mr Booth has achieved considerable success in the commercial and financial areas of the operation.

His appointment to this supporting role is a major initiative for the company as it engages in more substantial government and private projects and pushes ahead with its export program.

PROSPERITY Personal and Corporate Advisers have welcomed **Justin Doyle** back to Newcastle.

Mr Doyle has joined the firm as an adviser. He has had 10 years experience in the field including two years in London where he was treasury controller for the merchant bank Morgan Stanley.

Before moving to London he spent three years in the audit and tax consulting division of PricewaterhouseCoopers in Newcastle.

As Prosperity's newest senior chartered accountant Mr Doyle is able to draw from his extensive background to provide corporate taxation and executive remuneration packaging advice.

'Prosperity, like Morgan Stanley, is a dynamic firm with a focus on quality service and results for the client,' Mr Doyle said.

'My experience with Morgan Stanley will help me deliver quality results to Prosperity clients.'