



Michael Sharpe joined the Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) in 2017 and is the National Director for Industry.

AMGC is an industry-led, not-for-profit organisation which supports the development of a world-leading advanced manufacturing industry in Australia.

AMGC is connected with a nationwide network of manufacturing SMEs and Universities. Its membership has passed over 2700 members representing firms of all sizes plus research institutions that showcase leading technology innovations. AMGC's role is to help manufacturers unlock new commercial opportunities and drive innovation in Australian manufacturing.

Michael has vast industrial experience including nearly three decades at Sharpe Bros (Australia), one of the nation's leading road companies. From 2004 – 2014, he served as Managing Director of the family business. From 2012 – 2016, he was on the board of HunterNet, a successful industry clustering initiative in the Hunter and Central Coast region and served as Chairman for a one-year period.

He has served in numerous senior roles leading up to his AMGC Directorship, including Board Member at the Central Coast Local Health District which provides public health services to the local communities, including at Gosford and Wyong Hospitals. As a member of the Board Research Committee, he provided experience and insight for the development of the governance framework and the philanthropy procedures for medical research. The committee is instrumental in planning for the new Central Coast Medical School and Medical Research Institute at Gosford Hospital.

Michael has served on the Board of Lifeline Newcastle, Hunter and Central Coast and as a Board Member at

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He supported the establishment of the Canterbury Bankstown Chamber of Commerce as an Advisor to the CEO and is involved in a wide range of community groups.

Michael applies his leadership and networking experience to his current AMGC role, engaging with industry across Australia. This includes linking partnerships among the country's manufacturers and research facilities which is vital for creating high-value jobs and products through collaborative projects.

He is a Steering Committee Member of The Sustainable Communities and Waste Hub which is part of the Australian Government's National Environmental Science Program (NESP), a ground breaking program that has for the past six years delivered practical environment outcomes through almost 400 successful science projects and helped to shape the nation's environmental science agenda.

As a Member of the Industry Engagement Committee at Microscopy Australia, Michael supports the mission to empower Australian science and innovation by making advanced microscopes accessible to all researchers. As a consortium of university-based microscopy facilities united by values of collaboration, accessibility, excellence and innovation, each year over 3,500 researchers from universities and industry use their instruments and expertise in facilities around Australia.

At the University of New South Wales, Michael is a Member of the Industry Advisory Network for the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing within the nation's number one Faculty of Engineering. This committee advises and makes recommendations to the Head of School and provides high-level strategic advice to the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering and the Faculty of Engineering.

Michael is a Fellow of the Institute of Managers and Leaders; a Fellow of The Royal Society for the Arts, Manufactures & Commerce; and has completed executive education in the Leadership Initiative at Harvard Business School.

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