

Clem Newton-Brown

OAM

Change Agent, Entrepreneur & Keynote Speaker

Former barrister, Deputy Lord Mayor of Melbourne and Member of the Victorian Parliament, Clem Newton-Brown plays a pivotal role in introducing electric air taxis to Australia in his role as CEO of Skyportz and Wilbur Air.

A fascinating keynote speaker, Clem draws on his vast experience in politics, business and with the Advanced Air Mobility industry to talk to audiences about the transport revolution that's just around the corner. Think driverless cars, delivery drones, micro mobility on electric scooters and Vertical Take Off and Landing (VTOL) aircraft... Clem has already thought it through.

He's analysed the pros and cons, and the path forward... and he's ready to share his depth of knowledge with your audience.

Clem's presentation is not about predicting the future - it is about what he is actually doing to create the urban environment that will facilitate the biggest change the world has seen since the invention of the motor vehicle.

Clem Newton-Brown qualified as a lawyer then worked as a barrister while serving for one term (1999-2001) as a Councillor and Deputy Lord Mayor of Melbourne. In 2010 he served one term as the Member for Prahran.

His subsequent work running his own property and planning consultancy led to his current roles in Advanced Air Mobility.

Throughout his legal and political career Clem has also set up and run several small businesses in the tourism sector including water taxis, charter boats, events, cafes and accommodation businesses.

Clem runs the business www.skyportz.com which is establishing the landing infrastructure for flying taxis. Sitting under Skyportz is Wilbur Air, which is a wholly owned subsidiary set up to operate novel aircraft from the Skyportz vertiports.

It's thanks to this unique knowledge and experience that Clem has become in constant demand as



a keynote speaker. Drawing on his time in law and politics, Clem has a unique insight into how this transport revolution can be realised.

With a strong interest in community and progress, Clem has served on the Committee for Melbourne Future Focus group and alumni, National Council Executive / Planning Law Chair of Planning Institute of Australia, Chair of the Law Reform Committee of the Victorian Parliament, Chair of the Public Housing Community Liaison Committee (reporting to the Minister), a Board Member for Youth At Risk and President of the Yarra River Precinct Group. He also sits on numerous Australian and international working groups assisting governments and communities to prepare for Advanced Air Mobility.

In 2019 Clem Newton-Brown was awarded a Medal in the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to the Parliament of Victoria and the community of Melbourne.

Testimonials

“ Clem presented at our industry conference on the emerging urban aerial mobility (UAM) capability and associated challenges. Clem has an articulate, well-informed and entertaining style that kept the audience fully engaged. Surrounded by industry folk who believe that UAM reality is still far into the future, Clem was able to deliver a compelling presentation convincing many that future is here already.

- Conference Delegate

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