

ChangeOver Dinner 2016

Attended by 60 Club members, Family and Friends, today the Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise held their Changeover Lunch at the Novotel Northbeach to induct incoming President Peter Rixon and welcome in your Club's new Board for 2016-17.

Special Guests

District Governor Graham Wilson and his wife Helen
District Governor Elect, Stephen Humphreys and his wife Judith
Assistant Governor Northern Illawarra Sue Clark and her husband Dennis
The Lord Mayor of Wollongong Cr Gordon Bradbery OAM

The Luncheon was also attended by Fellow Club Presidents Kate Strosberg(Corrimal), Professor Michael Hough AM (Wollongong) and Brad Wenzel (Minamurra)

All guests dined on a sumptuous BBQ and Seafood Buffet Lunch.

MC Mark Hampton once again ensured the function ran smoothly and to time and the organisational and presentation skills of Elaine Hart had the Admirals Room looking like it was about to serve Royalty !!

MAJOR AWARDS

Community Service Awards

Jointly awarded to:

Dr Rhys Gray for his work with local and International projects and Youth Exchange and

Judith Gunn for her commitment of over 40 years to Scouting.

2015-16 Club Member of the year

Michael Yabsley – for his hard work and dedication not only supporting all the Club's activities but his dedication and enthusiasm in developing and continually updating our new Club website.

YOUR PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS FOR 2015-16

Greeted with enthusiasm by all there when both Club member John Pearman, and Former Club Member Myra Castellano-Hegarty were awarded Paul Harris Fellow Recognition.

John and Myra were recognised for amongst many other things their incredible work with the Club's Phillipines International Projects over many years.

Our Changeover Function enabled the Club to present a Cheque for \$3500 to

Club member Marilyn Dunn, who just happens to be the coordinator of the Salvation Army's First Floor Program. The Funds were proceeds from the Club's very successful Swing into Wings Dinner held in Early May.

In a nice touch, long time Salvation Army Supporter and local Businessman Bill Dowson was invited along to present Marilyn with the Cheque.

But before Bill could sit back down, District Governor Graham Wilson was called upon to present Bill with a very special Certificate from Rotary International recognising his 'Excellence in Service to Humanity' ...only one of 5 awarded in District 9675 this Year.

And Bill thought he'd been invited along just to present the Cheque to Marilyn Dunn !!!!

Thank you to all those who made our 2015-16 Changeover so memorable and to those who weren't able to attend, we hope you enjoy this Special Changeover Edition Newsletter and photos.

President Peter Rixon looks forward to seeing you all next Friday for our regular Club meeting at 7.15am and the start of another fantastic Year for the Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise.

A big thank you to Betty Hassan for all the photos .

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