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NSW Seniors Week 2010 achievement awards

Minister for Ageing Paul Lynch has paid tribute to the dedication of New South Wales seniors at an awards ceremony in Sydney today.

Mr Lynch presented awards to more than 60 seniors and seniors' organisations at the NSW Seniors Week 2010 Achievement Awards, held at the City Recital Hall.

(Biographical details of winners appear below)

Mr Lynch said the award winners enriched their communities by dedicating their time, skills, energy and enthusiasm to so many essential services and activities.

"They give their time unselfishly to help their local communities and improve the quality of life of many tens of thousands of people around the State," he said.

The Awards kick off Seniors Week, which features more than 700 events throughout the State this week.

New South Wales Seniors Week is now in its 52nd year

"Seniors Week acknowledges the contribution of our seniors to community life," Mr Lynch said.

"But the week also encourages seniors to learn something new and continue to live life to the full," he said.

NSW Seniors Week is organised and funded by Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC).

For information about Seniors Week events, visit www.nswseniorsweek.com.au

Seniors can pick up a copy of the official Seniors Week 2010 program at registered NSW Clubs.

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NSW Seniors Week Achievement Awards

Business

Peter Ferris (LEICHHARDT)

Peter Ferris is a chartered accountant and former partner of Ernst and Young and has been a volunteer with the Sisters of Charity for over 30 years. He uses his business and financial skills to serve public hospitals, aged care and medical research, education and outreach programs. He helped establish St Vincent's Clinic and Medical Research Foundation and was the Director and Treasurer of Area Health Boards in NSW. Peter was awarded the Order of Australia in 1999 and became a Knight Commander of St Gregory the Great by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009.

John Humphrey (Manly)

John Humphrey has owned and operated Humphreys Newsagency on Manly Corso for 42 years and is the business representative on the Manly Advisory Group. He is a long standing member of the Manly Chamber of Commerce, advising and supporting other local businesses and helping to build a thriving local economy. John carried the Olympic torch up Manly Beach for the Sydney Olympics and in 2006 was the recipient of Manly's Australia Day Award.

Community Service/Volunteering

Nancy Adams (Redhead)

Nancy Adams has been a Lifeline telephone counsellor for eight years, a Red Cross Telecross caller for over 17 years, a foundation member of Hunter Valley Scots Club for 23 years and a foundation member of NSW Girl Guide Ski Club for 35 years. She has given over 40 years of service to both the Girl Guides and Scouts Associations and has won awards such as the Wattle Award for services to Guiding, the Medal of Merit for Service, the Royal Lifesaving Society's Commonwealth Service Cross Award, the Premier's Award for Community Service and the Order of Australia. Nancy has been a member of Warners Bay Lions Club and Lake Macquarie Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol for 13 years continues to support Guiding and Scouting Australia.

Virginia Baba (Greenfield Park)

Virginia Baba has supported the Assyrian community for 27 years and for the past five years she has helped raise funds for a wide range of projects, including schools and the Westmead Children's Hospital. She has worked extensively with refugee youth, initiating classes in English language and Australian culture to help her students in their transition to a new country. Virginia is also active in organising and helping at events for the Fairfield Seniors Network.

Jean Barrett (Bellambi)

Jean Barrett has been a volunteer with the *Cancer Patient Support Group* (Illawarra) for 20 years and has also been secretary and currently holds the positions of treasurer and Newsletter editor. She assists in the organisation of educational seminars for the wider community and devotes her time to improving the lives of cancer patients, their carers and families living in the Illawarra area. Jean is also a volunteer with the Palliative Care Unit at Port Kembla Hospital.

John Bilboe (Cordeaux Heights)

John Bilboe has been involved with Fifty Plus since its inception 11 years ago and is a life member of *Greenacres Association* where he has been on the board since 1975. He was seconded in an engineering capacity to the Philippines with BHP where he spent two years as a consultant and for five years has been a project leader of a program that visits The Philippines on an annual medical mission with local doctors and nurses and includes the construction of community and medical venues, housing, repairs for local schools and helping to feed the homeless called "Habitat for Humanity". John is also a community representative for ADHC's Southern Region placement committee helping find accommodation placement for people with disabilities.

Patricia Burke (Raymond Terrace)

Patricia Burke was one of the first volunteers at Raymond Terrace Meals on Wheels and has been a volunteer there for 30 years. She helped establish the first Meals on Wheels in Raymond Terrace and has expanded her volunteer role to encompass board membership, activity centre assistant and home visiting. Pat has enrolled in a variety of educational courses including *Understanding Dementia*, *Assisting Vision Impaired Clients* and courses in safe food handling to better help her wide-ranging client base.

John Robert (Bob) Casserly (Wiseman's Ferry)

Bob Casserly has driven clients of the Wiseman's Ferry Sunshine Group to and from appointments for 17 years and has helped in setting up Casserly Cottage which caters for isolated senior residents with a disability and their carers. He was the chairman of the local fire brigade for many years and continues to audit their books, as well as voluntarily auditing and keeping the books of many non-profit groups in the area, saving them a substantial amount of money. Bob's work has been of great benefit to the isolated residents in Wiseman's Ferry.

Jean Cinis (Greystanes)

Jean Cinis has been the President of the Western Sydney Regional Tenants Council for 19 years, working tirelessly to help disadvantaged groups in her community. She has been instrumental in extending the reach of the organisation beyond assisting people seeking accommodation, to providing a whole range of services such as written booklets to help people with everyday living skills, money management and monthly bus trips for seniors and people with a disability. Jean was one of 12 finalists for Woman of the Year 2008.

George Collinson (Malabar)

George Collinson has been pivotal in the management of the Kooloora Community Centre since its inception. He is now responsible for cleaning the Centre and for coordinating a team of volunteers who run the fortnightly food cooperative 'Vegeed Out', set up to provide fresh food to isolated families and people with a disability. George worked at Prince Henry Hospital as a union delegate prior to the hospital's eventual close and was a founding member of the Friends of Prince Henry and the Public Health and Hospital Coalition.

John Craig (Pymble)

John Craig has been an active supporter of Alzheimer's Australia NSW for over 20 years, serving on the Board of Directors from 1993 to 2003, as president from 1994 to 1996 and as vice president from 2001 to 2003. He negotiated funds from the Rotary Club of Sydney for an innovative project to support people in the early stages of dementia, now a nationally funded program known as the Living with Memory Loss Program. John was awarded a Medal in the Order of Australia in 2005 for service to community health.

Joan Edwards (Kenshurst)

Joan Edwards has volunteered at Riding for the Disabled Tall Timbers Centre for 33 years. She has helped people of varying ages and disabilities to improve balance, increase self esteem, improve communication and learn social skills which assist with daily living, as a senior coach, RDA NSW Assessor and member of the Tall Timbers Committee. Joan has also given much of her time to fundraising, hosting events at her own home and personally funding much-needed shade structures for the horse yards.

Peter Herman (Peak Hill)

Peter Herman started PHFM: 88 Peak Hill Radio over two years ago and runs its everyday operations, keeping Peak Hill locals up-to-date with information on community events, news, sport and weather. He is an advocate for the equal rights of all communities in the local area, especially in indigenous and non-indigenous harmony and understanding. Peter's efforts have brought tourism to the town and he continues to reach out to the people of Peak Hill taking his radio station to the street in a caravan for the annual Meet You Up the Street festival.

Noelene Hitchcock (Maroota)

Noelene Hitchcock has been an active member of the Maroota and Wiseman's Ferry communities for many years. She has been president of the Maroota Auxiliary for Children's Medical Research, a life member of Maroota P&C and the treasurer of Wiseman's Ferry Senior Citizens. Noelene organises a catering service to raise money for the Children's Medical Research Auxiliary and has been at the front end of many other fundraising ventures in the district and is a mentor to many in the community.

James Thomas (Tom) Hope (Narara)

James Thomas Hope has been a member of the Salvation Army for 52 years, an officer for 17 years and for the past eight years has been a volunteer for the Salvation Army Church. He helps with fund raising, sells the army's weekly magazine *The War Cry* and each year organises a team of people to work the annual Red Shield Appeal. Tom is an instructor for a youth group similar to Scouts and Guides and is a member of the State Emergency Team which saw him work on the 2002-2003 bush fires and the 2006-2007 floods in the Newcastle area.

Peter Jackson (Moulamein)

Peter Jackson has given 60 years' service as a committee member to nine organisations including Moulamein Football-Netball Club, Polocrosse Club, Moulamein Tennis Club, Recreation Reserve Committee, Moulamein Bowling Club, Moulamein Retirement Village, Moulamein Lake, Moulamein Race Club and Masonic Lodge Master. He won the 2002 Wakool Shire Citizen of the Year Award for his contribution to volunteering and works with people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities helping them with sporting skills and team work. Peter, who adopts the attitude "you're never too old", continues to play polocrosse and tennis encouraging fitness, socialisation, and team work.

David King (Dural)

David King was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2002 and has since been instrumental in assisting Parkinson's NSW to raise awareness of the illness in the wider community. David undertook training in public speaking, before giving presentations to approximately 40 service clubs in 2004, and, five years later he is still encouraging service clubs throughout NSW to allow a representative of the

organisation to talk about living with Parkinson's. David continues to coordinate the speakers group 'Fly the flag for Parkinson's'.

James Lee (Bankstown)

James Lee has provided community service support for over 19 years, motivating Korean seniors to participate actively in community activities. He provides ideas and leadership for new community projects and encourages others to assist in fundraising, approaching government, local councils, and other community organisations for assistance and joint participation in community projects. James has given free English lessons on a weekly basis to Korean speaking seniors, free meal services to members and has provided welfare services for victims of domestic violence, interpreting for them at hospitals.

Mavis Lobley (Rylstone)

Mavis Lobley has been volunteering for a variety of organisations in the Rylstone area for over 40 years. She has worked with the Olinda-Narrango communities, Bushfire ladies Auxiliary, Red Cross Rylstone branch and CWA Rylstone branch, as well as a number of charities in roles such as fundraiser, president, vice-president and publicity officer. Mavis has given her time to many causes including drought relief, bushfires and medical care and continues to be a strong support to all in her local community.

Eunice Lyons (Dubbo)

Eunice Lyons has been an active member of Pink Ladies Auxiliary for 28 years and treasurer for 21 years. She helps patients at Dubbo Base Hospital with tasks such as washing and collects donated books and magazines for the patients. Eunice recently set up a similar project in the mental health unit and gives her time to the oncology unit, serving refreshments to patients.

Pia Nyboer (Manyana)

Pia Nyboer has been a volunteer at the Manyana Combined Pensioners and Superannuants' Association (CPSA) since 2003. She is involved with facilitating the events held for the association members by organising the meals and raffles for fundraising. Pia works with members of the Manyana CPSA many whom have a disability especially those from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Graham Roberts (Lane Cove)

Graham Roberts has been a leading member of St Vincent de Paul Forestville for over 40 years, serving as president and treasurer during this time. He has been a team leader on weekly visits to Matthew Talbot Men's Hostel, helping homeless men around the city and in the local area for the past 25 years. Graham has been integral in helping many poor and disadvantaged people turn their lives around for the better.

Ganapathipillai Santhiran (Strathfield)

Ganapathipillai Santhiran migrated to Australia in 1979, and became the president of the Sydney Tamil Manram, where he helped move the first Tamil in Sydney to a public place. He founded the charitable organisation Saiva Manram in 1986 and was president for seven years during which time he initiated the construction of the Sydney Murugan Temple. Ganapathipillai has volunteered and given his time to a multitude of organisations both in Australia and overseas like Rotary International.

Grace Selway (Penrith)

Grace Selway has been involved in volunteer work for 20 years, establishing the Blue Gum Frail Aged Group 16 years ago. She organises numerous activities for members such as the Seniors Mini Olympics, held annually during NSW Seniors Week and a seniors bush band, giving local seniors a taste of the 'entertainment industry'. Grace has raised funds for drought relief and local people with a disability and has supported the development of a drop-in centre in her local area.

Roma Grace Sinclair (Grenfell)

Roma Grace Sinclair was a pharmacist at the Grenfell Pharmacy for 51 years. She is a founding member and current director of the Grenfell Dramatic Society and a founding member and current District Delegate for Grenfell ITC. Roma, aged 81, continues to be engaged in many community organisations including the Rotary Swimming Club, the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts, The Weddin Wanderers and Meals on Wheels. She was still relieving the current pharmacist until December 2009.

Pat Slattery (Ettalong)

Pat Slattery has been a volunteer at Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy for 11 years and at St Vincent de Paul for nine years. Her work at St Vincent de Paul includes visiting disadvantaged individuals and families, supporting them with a variety of needs including food, clothing, counselling and finance. Pat worked overseas in 2007 and 2009 caring, cooking, cleaning and providing welfare support to children teaching them English and maths and assisted at AIDS clinics and orphanages in Dominican Republic, Brazil and South Africa.

Rita Thompson (Lake Munmorah)

Rita Thompson is the treasurer of the Lake Munmorah Senior Citizen's Club Inc where she has been a member for 19 years and was made a life member of the club in 2007. She has been integral in fundraising for the club, putting it in a great financial position. Rita continues to look after all administrative finances for Lake Munmorah Senior Citizen's Club, allowing board members to focus on daily membership recruitment.

Ivan Trposki (Rockdale)

Ivan Trposki has been a volunteer librarian and archivist for 31 years, organises book readings for young children and takes Macedonian language books to the local nursing homes. He has initiated the formation of a community archive which has over 100 written items associated with the migration and settlement of Macedonians in Sydney. Ivan is passionate about literature and is a published author and poet.

Velu Velupillai (Auburn)

Velu Velupillai is the President of the Auburn Tamil Society and has been passionately involved in the Tamil community of Western Sydney for over 20 years. He was instrumental in establishing a seniors social group that meets weekly, a program he now manages which provides essential social connection and support for local seniors. Velu also volunteers his time three days a week at the Parramatta Hindi Temple, helping worshippers throughout the two week festival period when he manages catering for 3000 meals per day.

Bruce Vitnell (Wickham)

Bruce Vitnell served 22 years in the Royal Australian Air Force and nine years as the Regional Manager, NSW Office of State Revenue in Newcastle. He became president of the Rotary Club of Newcastle in 1999, the same year he began working for Alzheimer's Australia NSW where he has been instrumental in

devising a Capital Campaign to raise funds to purchase the Family Resource Centre venue for people living with dementia, their families and carers. Bruce and the Rotary Club of Newcastle have raised over \$500,000 for the Capital Campaign.

Ivan Willis (Henty)

Ivan Willis has contributed to the Yerong Creek and Henty communities for the past 60 years. He helped establish nine self-care units through the United Protestant Association (UPA) and has been the State Director for many years. Ivan was instrumental in the establishment of five extra beds at Myoora Homestead, which opened in February 2000. The new 'Willis Wing' of Myoora Homestead was officially opened in February 2009 and was named after Ivan and his wife Betty for their service to the UPA for over 40 years.

Community Service/Volunteering (Organisation)

Australian Railways Monument and Rail Journeys Museum (Werris Creek)

Australian Railways Monument and Rail Journeys Museum is a multi-award winning public attraction venue which serves as a tribute to deceased workers who gave their lives working on Australian railways. It is run by over 40 senior volunteers who are mainly ex-railway workers. The Australian Railways Monument and Rail Journeys Museum attracts over 1600 visitors per month and is a major source of the town's tourism.

Greek Older Women's Network (Padstow)

Greek Older Women's Network - Bankstown was started 15 years ago and offers consistent support to Greek women in the community. The organisation encourages members to become more active and lead a healthier lifestyle through exercise classes and activities as well as through a dance group which performs at nursing homes and community events. The Greek Older Women's Network dance group performed at the Easter Show in 2008 as well as in a large contemporary dance piece called Giant Dance as part of Artsfest 2008.

Hope Bears Charity (Woolgoolga)

Hope Bears Charity has been running for eight years and was set up to care for cancer patients of all ages. The charity's many volunteers knit or crochet items called 'gifts of hope' which are given to patients at Ronald McDonald House, a variety of hospitals, their emergency departments, police stations and ambulance stations. Hope Bears Charity now operates in four states across Australia, has 19 branches in NSW, one branch in Victoria and one branch in Queensland.

Senior Chinese Care Free Group Inc (Ashfield)

Senior Chinese Care Free Group Inc, now in its eleventh year, is a volunteer-run Chinese seniors group, which provides free social activities on a weekly basis including dancing, singing, art classes, English language classes and excursions. The group has worked in collaboration with Ashfield local council to organise free community education seminars and workshops on more than 200 occasions. The Senior Chinese Care Free Group participates in the Ashfield Carnival Festival each year and received the Australia Day Award from Ashfield Council in 2007.

Education and Lifelong Learning

Nicholas Browning (Tumut)

Nicholas Browning helped establish Tumut Shire's Life Long Learners group through the local council's Third Age committee which, now in its fifth year, has

over 60 members. He is a member of several committees that contribute to helping the community, including the Tumut Council's Waste Management Committee, where he organised and conducted the educational program for recycling, the Third Age Committee and the Planning Committee for Seniors' Week activities. Nick continues to work with members of the community to better the local area and the lives of others, particularly seniors.

Kevin Goodwin (Lambton)

Kevin Goodwin has volunteered for the Program to Aid Literacy, a section of the Community Care Branch of the St. Johns Ambulance, for 16 years. He tutors children in reading, writing, spelling, and numeracy in seven classes across four schools, working with teachers one-on-one or in groups to improve their skills. Kevin was awarded the Order of St John for his work in 2007 and has been involved in voluntary work for the majority of his adult life, has been a member of the Waratah Rotary Club for 40 years, a Scout Cub leader for 30 years and a member of the Waratah Male Voice Choir for 30 years.

Fay Green (Walgett)

Fay Green is passionate about helping young people to value and access education, supporting and encouraging her students to achieve and succeed and helps school-leavers to find work. She is involved with the Walgett Show Society, encouraging local artists to express themselves by teaching traditional cultural values through dance, art, knowledge and experience. Aunty Fay is loved and respected by indigenous and non-indigenous children in the Walgett community and continues to be an inspiration to them.

June Lynn (Ermington)

June Lynn has been involved with the Sydney University of the Third Age for 16 years as president, vice-president (education), regional secretary and committee member. She coordinated the conference infrastructure for the week-long Sydney U3A National Conference of 1998, ran a U3A creative writing class for 14 years, managed U3A computer classes for 10 years and trained other tutors, all the while coordinating four writing festivals held in Parramatta. June is currently researching and compiling a Sydney U3A history update.

Ahbah Oh (Waterloo)

Ahbah Oh has 25 years experience in the welfare sector and has volunteered with South Sydney Community Aid Co-op Ltd for almost five years. He used to own his own restaurant, and in recent years he has facilitated multicultural cooking classes, teaching participants to create cheap, healthy meals from different countries, helping to bridge gaps between people of different multicultural backgrounds. Ahbah has catered a variety of functions such as Christmas parties, the Easter morning tea and Chinese New Year for the organisation, bringing people from across the community together.

Environment / Science / Agriculture

John Fuller (Pymble)

John Fuller has been a volunteer gardener for 10 years with Easy Care Gardening Inc, working in the gardens of seniors and people with a disability. He and his team undertake work to help ensure members of the community are able to stay in their homes rather than move into nursing homes. John has already dedicated hundreds of hours of volunteer service and he hopes to continue to help in the years to come.

Dennis (Wally) Wallace (Wahroonga)

Dennis (Wally) Wallace has worked two days a week for Easy Care Gardening Inc in the gardens of frail seniors and people with a disability for 10 years. He is an asset to the promotion of the organisation, recruiting new volunteers to work with him at every opportunity. Wally has been a great support to all the people he provides gardening services to by giving them company and offering social interaction while he works.

Health and Wellbeing

Fana Ristevska (Yagoona)

Fana Ristevska has been involved in community projects for over 22 years, establishing the first senior support group for the Macedonian community in the Bankstown area, alongside her husband and Yugoslav Health Workers. She has participated in cultural events as well as helping those in need by cooking meals, buying groceries for weekly group meetings and visiting senior members of the community in hospital. Fana has also raised funds for women's health organisations and to support children in Macedonia.

Dr Rakesh Sachdev (Cherrybrook)

Dr Rakesh Sachdev is a co-founder of the Australian Hindi Indian Association (AHIA) and established the Senior Forum in 1994 and acted as spokesperson in the Indian Seniors Steering Committee of the United Indian Association. He has mentored similar groups across Sydney in order to combat isolation and loneliness and has liaised with the Indian Australian Hindi School in Thornleigh and organised 'Bridging the intergenerational gap' events. Rakesh is a member of an Indian subcontinent focus group of the Migrant Resource Centre at Parramatta and is an active participant in a project dedicated to building community care for senior South Asian migrants.

Lilly Skurnik (Rose Bay)

Lilly Skurnik has been the president of La'Pid group for people with a vision impairment for 15 years, has been a speaker for Vision Australia, giving lectures to several organisations and the media and has spoken out about the importance of effectively training guide dogs. She is passionate about helping others and has worked as a councillor for social welfare and the prevention of child abuse. Lilly is a published author of two autobiographical books *Shalom, this is Lilly* and *Out of Sight*.

Gai Ta (Fairy Meadow)

Gai Ta has worked for the Illawarra Indochinese Aged Group Inc for the past seven years as a day care coordinator, promoting healthy and active living amongst members of the organisation. She has set up volunteer-run English classes in order to bridge cultural and language gaps amongst members and encourages healthy living by introducing exercise classes for the group. Gai gains additional knowledge through training courses, learning about new technologies, and acquiring new skills to provide more assistance to the aged community within the organisation and greater community.

Joyce Watt (Edgeworth)

Joyce Watt has been involved in all aspects of the Hawkins Masonic Village since it was established 36 years ago and is a member of the family after which it was named. She assists in the management and administration of the village, has been the welfare officer attending to the needs of the senior residents and has assisted to produce the monthly newsletter. Joyce has been secretary and

treasurer of the village's Support Group and has helped to raise thousands of dollars to provide much needed equipment for the nursing facilities.

Health and Wellbeing (Organisation)

Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre (Wyang)

Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre has been a strong support to families on the Central Coast for many years. The centre provides medical and financial advice, an all-age counselling service and organised support groups such as Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre hosts a number of events and programs for the community such as NAIDOC Week, children's Christmas events, weekend camps, mental health first aid programs, first aid training and indigenous cultural events.

Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative (Campbelltown)

Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative (MDSI) is a community based not-for-profit charity that has provided multicultural aged care services for over 15 years. It provides a one-stop service through programs in areas such as information, referral, advocacy, social support groups, educational classes, art music therapy and emergency relief. MDSI is a quality accredited agency which services over 12,000 clients annually and its Day Care program has 10 groups providing support to ethno-specific and multicultural groups.

Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation (Yass)

Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation supports senior members of the indigenous community to remain in their homes and local communities for as long as they choose and promotes and assists in services for inclusiveness and belonging in the community. Its staff provides home support, respite care, transport and various other home and community care services to indigenous people with a disability and indigenous elders. Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation has been operating for 12 years and continues to develop as the needs of their clients grow.

Parkes Men's Shed (Cootamundra)

Parkes Men's Shed has been running for two-and-a-half years during which time it has provided the community with a place for older men to meet, share work, life skills and contribute to their own wellbeing and community. The services provided by Parkes Men's Shed have helped improve self-esteem, boosted activity levels and allowed the members to give back to their community. Parkes Men's Shed has raised \$20,000 to help build a new shed from a resource recovery program and currently has over 150 members.

Senior Italian Australian Community (Narwee)

SIAC has been operational for six years, providing an avenue for seniors to engage in a variety of activities. The organisation runs activities tailored toward better health, providing information on historical and social matters through outings to places of historical value and helping to improve quality of life for seniors through social interaction. Senior Italian Australian Community has a membership of 124 with members in high attendance at weekly meetings as well as special functions.

The World War II Golf Trophy (Strathfield)

The World War II Golf Trophy has run annually since 1946, seeing war veterans across NSW come together to socialise and play golf at various clubs throughout the State. The event, free for World War II veterans, is a chance for them to reunite, share their stories and skills, and stay fit and healthy. The World War II

Golf Trophy is an important tradition in NSW and will continue for many years to come.

Intergenerational Understanding

Celeste Ody Ancheta (Regents Park)

Celeste Ody Ancheta was a volunteer for the Red Cross for 10 years in Uruguay, participating in relief work during natural disasters and providing fundraising and welfare support to people in need. She was the co-founder of the Uruguayan Club in 1972, a non-profit volunteer organisation helping Spanish speaking communities, ran the NSW Spanish and Latin American Association for Social Assistance fundraising committee for 10 years and worked for Counselling Ethnic Line for five years. Celeste has initiated a series of women's programs to prevent isolation as well as youth programs to stop the use of drugs and alcohol within her community.

Angelo Arciero (Leichhardt)

Angelo Arciero has been a volunteer for Co.As.It since 1998, supporting students and promoting Italian language and culture and volunteers for its Italian Speaking Community Visitors Scheme. He visits seniors in aged care facilities who are socially isolated due to language and cultural barriers and helps younger members of the community by speaking to school students about his personal experiences as a migrant in Australia during the 1950's. Angelo is a strong believer in a healthy lifestyle and as such engages in many physical activities such as walking, cycling and gardening.

Franklin (Frank) Davies (Greenacre)

Frank Davies has over 30 years of experience in community service teaching tennis, table tennis, soccer, wheelchair athletics and wheelchair tennis, as well as helping at the Weetbix Kids triathlon. He volunteers for over 1300 hours each year for a number of charities that include Breast Cancer, RSPCA, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Prostate Cancer and the Heart Foundation. Frank takes nine different schools on excursions to the Kokoda Memorial Track in Concord and has volunteered at ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services at schools and nursing homes.

John Lysaght (Tamworth)

John Lysaght has volunteered at over ten organisations for over 51 years taking on roles such as treasurer and fundraiser. He is involved with helping young drivers build up their driving hours and is a mentor with Joblink Plus. John helped rewrite the Senior Citizen Centre Committee of Tamworth's constitution and through his fundraising efforts in May 2008 helped purchase a minibus for members to get to the Senior Citizen Centre.

Howard Nish (Hay)

Howard Nish is a World War II veteran who has been involved in community service in the Hay area for the past 14 years. He has been the secretary of the Hay RSL sub branch and through his leadership and efforts, has helped increase the Hay RSL sub branch membership by 50 percent. Howard has worked on literacy skills with both primary and high school students for over 14 years encouraging them to enter the Australia - My Country essay competition where students gain knowledge about the ANZACs.

Bob Waterer (Narrabeen)

Bob Waterer is an Elder of the Guringai people and an active member of the Manly Warringah Pittwater Aboriginal Support Group (ASG). He volunteers his time performing 'Welcome to Country' at local events and visits local schools and community gatherings as a representative of the Aboriginal community. Bob enjoys sharing his stories with the younger generation and aims to create awareness and a growing understanding of Australia's Aboriginal heritage.

Intergenerational Understanding (Organisation)

Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc (Winmalee)

Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc, founded in 2000, is a social group open to all members of the community especially seniors and retirees. The members of the organisation make wooden toys and donate them to various charities and hospitals in the Greater Western Sydney region. The club arranges a biannual Challenge Day where other clubs are challenged to demonstrate their talents in order to encourage sharing of ideas and skills and motivating participants to network between clubs.