

Quiet achievers need recognition

By president Darryl Johnston

I HAD the pleasure of addressing a recent meeting of the Tuggeranong Rotary Club. It was good to meet many people who volunteer their time to serve their community in many varied ways.

Volunteering was the theme of my talk and I took the opportunity to highlight the valuable work of those people I call quiet achievers, the ones you don't see and who work behind the scenes. In my capacity as council president I have met many quiet achievers and I have been impressed by their work in our community. They labour away, sometimes doing more than what is expected of them and they usually miss out when the gongs are handed out and the accolades are shared round. They come from just about every service and community club, group and organisation in Tuggeranong. We have some quiet achievers on the Tuggeranong Community Council and their work is valued and appreciated.

The council will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 4. It will be my last meeting as council president. Under our new constitution a president can only run for three consecutive terms. After being elected in 2009, my term as council

president has now expired and a new president will be elected. I also expect there will be some new faces on the council executive. It has been a busy but enjoyable term and I have many people to thank on the night for their assistance and support, including our quiet achievers.

The council will stage its 2012 ACT Election Forum on Wednesday, September 12. All candidates standing in the seat of Brindabella have been invited to the forum. The event will be run along the lines of the ABC's Q&A program with live webcasting and questions from the audience and via Twitter. The night will be hosted by Canberra ABC Radio personality Genevieve Jacobs and will be held at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre at 137 Reed Street, Greenway. Anyone wishing to attend is advised to reserve seating by calling the Arts Centre on 6293 1443.

■ The next meeting of the council will be held on Tuesday, September 4. The guest speaker will be Lynne Harwood, CEO of Communities@Work. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm in the upstairs formal dining room of the Southern Cross Club, Greenway. It will be followed by the TCC Annual General Meeting.

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