



Gai Brodtmann MP

MEMBER FOR CANBERRA



In memory of Rusty Woodward

Unfortunately I am unable to attend today's memorial unveiling as I am interstate.

I was honoured to have known Rusty over her many years of involvement in the Canberra community, and in particular the Tuggeranong community.

Rusty was an active member of the Tuggeranong Community Council, the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club, the Australian Lung Foundation, the ACT Lung Life Support Group and the Council On The Ageing.

Rusty was the driving force behind the establishment of the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club's permanent home in the Tuggeranong Valley—a beautiful community facility that is a permanent reminder of Rusty's tenacity.

Through her extensive work with COTA, Rusty initiated a survey of seniors in Canberra that formed part of a submission to the Harmer review into pensions.

In 2013 I was proud to honour Rusty for her community service by unveiling a plaque in her name on the wall of the Tuggeranong Town Park.

The park bench, unveiled today, will serve as another lasting tribute to a valuable and much loved member of the Tuggeranong Valley's community.

Yours sincerely

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Federal Member for Canberra

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