

**SPEECH
DEDICATION OF A PARK BENCH
IN MEMORY OF
RUSTY WOODWARD
9 AUGUST 2015**

Thank you for joining us this afternoon for the dedication of this park bench in memory of our dear Tuggeranong Community Council colleague, Rusty Woodward.

It is wonderful to see you here this afternoon despite the cold weather.

I also wish to thank Scott Pittard and Libby Gordon from Territory and Municipal Services for their assistance in securing this park bench in memory of Rusty.

Rusty was one of those people who I describe was a quiet achiever.

She went about her work never seeking any recognition or reward.

So this afternoon she is probably looking down on us and saying while all this fuss about.

All this fuss is because Rusty made a difference to the lives of many people, including all of us, and we want to say thank you.

Thank you for being you and thank you for helping so many people, whether it be through the Tuggeranong Community Council, the establishment of a senior citizens centre and permanent home for the 55-Plus Club, her work with the Lung Life Support Group, the Council on the Aging or as a mother and a grandmother.

There is no doubt Rusty's devotion to the Tuggeranong community led to new and better facilities and services for senior's living in Tuggeranong.

These sentiments are reinforced in a message I have received from the Federal Member for Canberra, Gai Brodtmann and that she has asked be read today.

READ MESSAGE FROM GAI BRODTMANN

We dedicate this park bench today to Rusty at a time when we also remember and reflect on the contribution of other TCC members who have passed, Alison Ryan and more recently Eric Traise.

In the future, I hope we will be able to honour them if not in a similar, then a fitting way.

In the meantime, I hope when you sit here that you reflect on Rusty's life and her many legacies.

With that said, I would like to call on Rusty's daughter, Terri and her friend Jan to do the honours in unveiling the park bench.

ENDS.