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Dear Mr Evert

**Private Members Statement – Woonona Surf Life Saving Club**

It was my privilege to recently attend the Woonona Surf Life Saving Club Presentation.

On the evening I took the opportunity to thank all associated with surf life saving for their effort.

**However, I also took the opportunity to talk about your effort in the NSW Legislative Assembly on Wednesday 8 September 2010.**

The standing orders in the Parliament provide an opportunity for local members to talk about an issue from their electorate for up to 5 minutes in what are known as private members statements.

I enclose for your information a copy of an extract from the Hansard report of my speech in the private members debate.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your contribution to surf life saving in the Illawarra.

Yours sincerely

David Campbell MP  
Member for Keira



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Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard and Papers Tuesday 7 September 2010 (Proof).

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**Mr DAVID CAMPBELL** (Keira) [1.16 p.m.]: With summer almost upon us it is time to ponder, acknowledge and congratulate the work undertaken by the surf lifesaving movement in this State. A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of attending the 2009-10 annual presentation night of the Woonona Surf Club, my local beach. I was pleased to be invited along with representatives from a number of local sporting, volunteers and sponsors of the club, including Cathy Filan, President of the Woonona Bulli Returned and Services League Memorial Club, a very strong supporter of the club.

Peter Evert is the club president. The evening was under the chairmanship of John McNally and Phil Geary who is also the club captain. The Woonona Surf Life Saving Club undertakes a lot of training and a number of surf lifesaving awards were presented on that evening. It was pleasing that 21 new bronze medallion awardees were recognised. Awards were also presented in the categories of surf rescue, beach management, advanced resuscitation techniques, inflatable rubber boat crew, inflatable rubber boat driver, certificate II in public safety, senior first aid and a trainer's certificate. The club champions were: Emily Terry, under-18 female champion; Brendan Hutton, under -18 male champion; Jacquie Hundt, open female champion; Josh Robinson, open male champion; Stacey Paddon, masters female; and Andy Cole, masters male, and 32 club members were recognised for 100 per cent patrol attendance.

The club runs a very strong junior program. Lauren Evert coordinates the 13 to 18-year-olds, and from that group Sarah Thoroughgood and Scott McNally were recognised. The special youth award went to Daniel Casisto; senior encouragement award, Keiran Smith; the Bruce Scott: Quite Achiever, Raelene Jones; best new member, Aaron Dobner, who is playing a significant role as a new member. The team of the year was the under-23 men's boat crew. Rowing and boat work at the club is undergoing a renaissance, as is the inflatable rubber boat competition, which is well supported by sponsors Leisure Coast Marine. Rob Hutton received the Competitor of the Year Award. We can see the contribution through its training and recognition of patrol attendance in public safety work. There is a lot of recognition of the competition undertaken by Woonona Surf Life Saving Club, as the club hones the skills of its members in rescue, it being the fundamental reason for surf lifesaving clubs existing.

The President's Award was presented jointly to Phil Geary and Richard Mooney. The Junior Club Person of the Year Award went to Hannah Geary. The Patrol of the Year Award—patrol work is very much the fundamental basis of a surf lifesaving club—went to Patrol No. 2, captained by Troy Johnson who has a very long history at Woonona Surf Life Saving Club, indeed he is a life member. The Patrol Person of the Year award was presented to Andy Cole, and life member Don Gray presented the Club Person of the Year Award to Stacey Paddon.

I acknowledge that the club president Peter Evert was inducted as a life member. To receive life membership of any organisation is important. Organisations do not give life memberships lightly and it recognises long-term effort. Peter Evert was awarded his bronze medallion in the surf lifesaving movement at Woonona in 1976, so he has had a long-term commitment to surf lifesaving and to Woonona Surf Life Saving Club. It has become a family affair with Peter's children following him into the surf lifesaving movement and into service and membership at Woonona Surf Life Saving Club.

As I indicated earlier, the club took the opportunity to acknowledge some of their sponsors, including Woonona Bulli RSL, Woonona Bowling Club, Leisure Coast Marine, One On Park, Woolworths and BHP Billiton. This very important organisation has always recognised its long-term and life members, and there was a minute's silence for the late Bill Crick, who was a doyen of the club. Congratulations to the Woonona Surf Life Saving Club on its last season and every best wish for the coming season.