

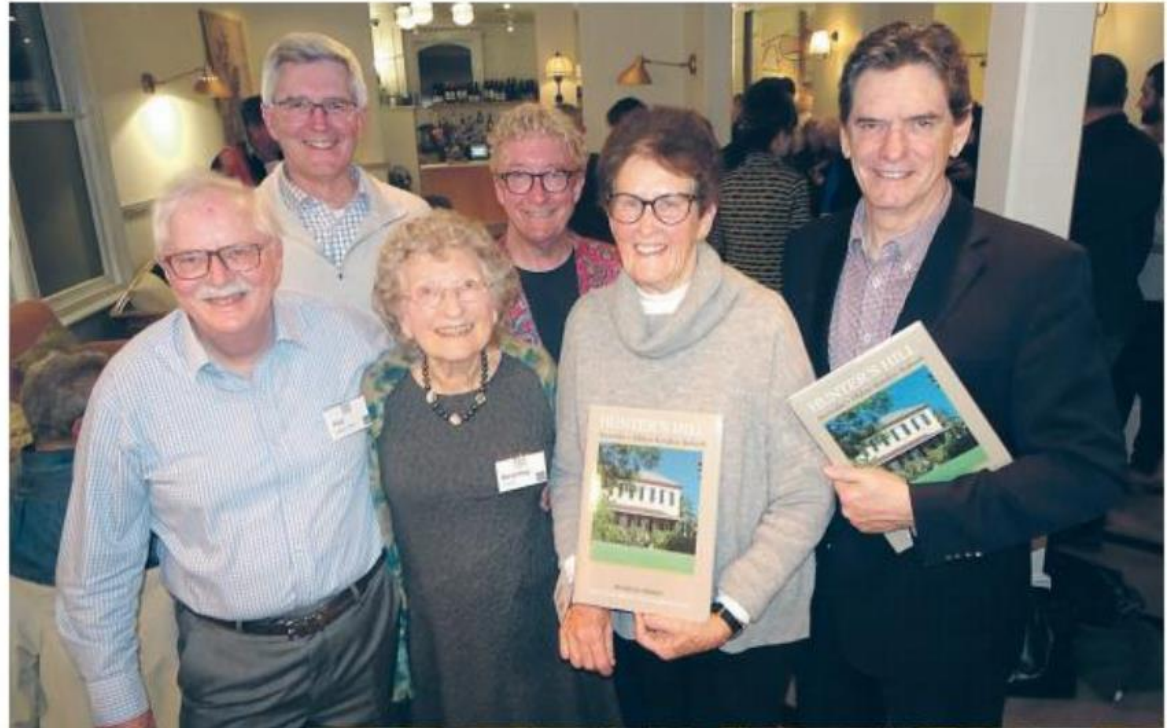
# Hunters Hill Independence Day celebrations

Hunters Hill locals packed Woolwich's heritage Woolwich Pier Hotel for last Wednesday's Hunters Hill Independence Day celebrations commemorating the Municipality's victory over the State Government's attempt to merge Hunters Hill with Lane Cove and big brother Ryde.

Organisers said the event was "Celebrating our Municipality, Our Community, History and Heritage" and included dinner, and three guest speakers namely Mayor Cllr Mark Bennett on the theme of a "A Stronger Community", Dr Beverley Sherry on "Australia's Oldest Garden Suburb" and Caroline Mackaness "Hunters Hill The Future".

SOCIAL ISOLATION must be urgently addressed to ensure Hunters Hill's survival as a living and close knit community, Mayor Mark Bennett warned.

"It is social isolation that I draw your attention to this evening



and this will be our next public health epidemic," he said.

"it is now impacting upon very young to very old residents here in Hunters Hill."

"Building a stronger community will rely on our awareness and ability to build community connections deliberately, not accidentally.

"Our clubs, volunteer groups, churches, meeting places, community groups and our local newspaper (The Weekly Times) all help to maintain a stronger community".

Guest speaker Caroline Mackaness also spoke on the issue. "Hunters Hill will continue to be the special place it is if we all value what we have and work together to support our Council and community groups to have a voice," she said.

"Be local, support local businesses and be involved, whether it be with running a sporting activity or volunteering at the local community centre, church or bush regeneration group.

**PICTURED ABOVE:** Hunters Hill Mayor Cllr Mark Bennett, right, and Dr Beverley Sherry, second from left front row, were guest speakers pictured with copies of Dr Sherry's book "Hunters Hill, Australia's Oldest Garden Suburb" together with l to r Phil Jenkyn OAM, former mayor Richard Quinn, master of ceremonies Garnet Meekings and a lucky book prizewinner.

**PICTURED RIGHT:** David Witt was winner of a cheese board donated by Silvia Noble of The Lost and Found Department.

**PICTURED LEFT:** Ron Anderson of Hunters Hill was the winner of a singing lesson certificate from Brittany Rae who also entertained on the night. TWT on-the-spot PHOTOS.



"Protect and pass Hunters Hill on to future generations as our legacy."

**PICTURED BELOW: HUNTERS HILL LOCALS** group of fifteen who organised the event included ten pictured below with Woolwich Pier's Craig Laundy, and guest speakers Caroline Mackaness and Mayor Mark Bennett. They are l to r Phillip Hart, Alison Vulgaris, Gael Czinner, Ron Kaplan, Richard Quinn, Phil Jenkyn OAM, Linda Allen, Jenny Craigie, Garnett Meekings and Sue Hoopmann OAM. Five missing "Hunters Hill Locals" from the photo are Peter Astridge OAM, Suzanne Ell, Jan Griffiths, Alice Oppen and Meredith Sheil who is overseas TWT on-the-spot PHOTO.



