



Newington Citation 2010

Graham and Susan Roach

2010 marked the 27th continuous year of the Roach family's involvement with Newington College. After an impressive nomination it was only fitting that the very first Newington Citation was awarded to Graham and Susan Roach in recognition of their outstanding service and dedication to the College as parents, and beyond, particularly in the support groups of the P & F, Rugby and Rowing.

Three sons attended the College, each from K to Y12, and Graham and Susan were there right from day one.

Their Wyvern involvement included Graham's P&F Presidency for three years and Susan's Presidency of the Wyvern Women's Auxiliary for one year as well as serving as Vice-President of the Wyvern Women's' Auxiliary for two years. She was also a member of the Women's Auxiliary Committee for a further two years. Some of Susan's initiatives included the Wyvern Spring Fair which was held in 2000 and 2001 which raised approximately \$50,000; the New Parent Reception which is now successfully held annually; the Father and Son breakfast; and parent reading in classrooms. Through efforts and collaboration with the community, and the establishment of the Clothing shop, the Wyvern P&F's financial viability was assured into the future; during these years, several sub-committees getting more people involved were established including sports sub-committees to address the standards and coaching performance in Wyvern teams and several major projects were funded via the efforts of the P&F.

Graham and Susan's involvement at Stanmore also include a three year term as P&F President for Graham as well as being a member of the Headmaster's Restructure Committee and GPS Profile Committee while Susan was Chairman of the P&F Black and White Ball. Some of their initiatives were the evolution of the established "Market Day" for rowing to become what we know today as Back to Newington Day; establishment of year group social events; and establishment of the Pod Cast project for ICT/English. They were also involved in assisting and facilitating the establishment of formal Tennis, Cricket, Water Polo and Basketball support groups.

Graham was on the Rugby Support Group committee for two years as well as its Vice-President and President respectively for two years. During those years the RSG raised funds to, amongst other things, enable teams to participate in the Gold Coast schools rugby tournament over a period of four years. Constantly looking at ways to raise funds for the Group, Graham helped establish the Saturday morning Coffee Truck and Old Boys BBQ on match days to cater for the hungry crowds and thus raising money for the Group as well.

Susan was on the Rowing Support Group Committee and was Vice-President for two years. She was also a shed "Mother" for five years. She introduced breakfast on training mornings, as well organising, providing and managing training day and race day lunches, Saturday morning coffees and scheduling and arranging shed sleepovers. Susan has motivated and inspired others to join her in providing these services for our rowers.

Graham and Susan have contributed to the Newington Community through their volunteer work, their active participation and their initiation and support of several programs. Their enthusiasm, dedication and involvement in Newington College are an inspirational model for us all.