

A NEW PRESIDENT FOR RYDER-CHESHIRE AUSTRALIA -

At the end of the Biennial Conference proceedings on Saturday 01 May 2010 the RCA Annual General Meeting was held with seven of the eight Directors present, and an additional seventeen observers. Mostly this meeting dealt with routine matters such as receiving reports, but of special importance was the change-over of the National Presidency from Dr Donald Sinclair OAM, to Peter Newton AO, who was elected unopposed.

Don Sinclair has been National President since the last Mt Gambier conference in 2002. During this time he has overseen the introduction of a new constitution and the transformation of the Australian Association of Ryder-Cheshire Foundations to Ryder Cheshire Australia Ltd, as well as having responsibility for the funding decisions that supported the establishment of the Mount Gambier Home. He will continue to serve as President of the Ryder-Cheshire Victorian Homes Foundation, Treasurer of RCF Victoria, and a Director of RCA.

Peter Newton has served three years as National Vice-President, twelve years as President of RCF Victoria, and will continue on that committee as Vice-President. He also has a continuing role as National Project Officer (East Timor), and as a Director on the Klibur Domin Board of Management.

The other three RCA office bearers were also elected unopposed: Vice-President Christine Hannan, who is President of RCF NSW, Treasurer and Public Officer Peter Colliver, and Secretary Anthea Swann. Newly appointed Directors are Beverley Raby President of RCF ACT, Peter McConnell President of RCF Victoria, and Melody Smythe National Project Officer (India).

Anthea Swann
National Secretary