
Report by Kati Angelides - Community Liaison Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Council of the Queens Birthday Honours List recipients for the Strathfield LGA for 2007.

REPORT

Miss Eve Dutton and Mr Harry Pickett were awarded a medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division and Dr Albert Shun was awarded a member (AM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division.

Below are the biographical notes sourced from the Australian Honours Secretariat, Government House, Canberra.

1. Miss Margaret Eve DUTTON

For service to local government, and to the community through a range of aged care, charitable, educational and service groups.

- Mayor, Strathfield Council (first female to hold this position on Strathfield Council), 1991-1992 and 1995-1996; Councillor, 1987-2000; current community representative on Strathfield Council Tribunal.
- Board Member, Our Lady of Loreto Nursing Home, St Vincent de Paul Society, 1990-1998. Board Member, The Russian Nursing Home Strathfield (also known as Strathfield Home for the Aged), for 8 years; English tutor.
- English tutor, Lewisham Nursing Home, for one year.
- Patron, Strathfield Lantern Club (fundraising auxiliary of the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children), 1997; Secretary, 2003; Publicity Officer, 2002.
- Supporter and volunteer with the Meriden School, since at least 1985.
- Teacher, School of Art and Design, TAFE New South Wales, ca1960s-1986.
- Head, Design Branch, Randwick Technology College, 1978-1986.
- Volunteer teacher, The Exodus Foundation.
- Assistant Treasurer, Attendance Recorder and fundraiser, Rotary Club of Strathfield, since 1999.
- Volunteer, Meals on Wheels, since 2000.
- Member, New South Wales Legal Services Tribunal, 1993-1996. Justice of the Peace for New South Wales, since 1973.

2. Mr Harry John PICKETT

For service to the community through a range of charitable and service organisations, particularly through the activities of Rotary International, and to the meat industry.

- District Governor, Rotary District 268, 1970-1971; instrumental in formation of several Rotoract Clubs; participated in Youth Exchange Programs; active supporter and made Gold Companion of Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.
- President, Burwood Rotary Club, 1963-1964.
- Member, Masonic Lodge of Tranquillity, since 1935.
- Supported Smith Family since 1950s; made a "Smith".

- 75 years' involvement in meat industry; former Member, Meat and Allied Trades Federation of Australia (now Australian Meat Industry Council).

3. Dr Albert SHUN

For service to medicine as a paediatric surgeon, particularly in the areas of renal and liver transplantation.

- Chief Paediatric Liver Transplant Surgeon, Australian National Liver Transplantation Unit, The Children's Hospital at Westmead (formerly Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children), since 1987; performed the majority of the 170 paediatric liver transplants at the facility since its inception; involved in establishing and developing the Unit.
- Staff Specialist Paediatric Surgeon, since 1987; other clinical roles include General Paediatric Surgeon, Burns Surgeon, and Liver and Renal Transplantation Surgeon.
- Head, Department of Surgery, 2001-2004.
- Provides paediatric surgery services to regional areas; travels to Orange every 3 months for 2 days of consultations and surgery.
- Designed laparoscopic surgery training device for teaching keyhole surgery techniques outside the operating theatre, 2001.
- Author, over 40 peer reviewed medical research papers published in medical journals and/or presented at meetings nationally and internationally.
- Heads a paediatric surgical team that spends 2 weeks annually providing surgical services and teaching local surgeons, for past 10 years; currently expanding to serve 4 major centres in PNG.
- Has developed more formal training scheme for paediatric surgery in PNG, since 2000. Assisted 2 PNG surgeons to come to Australia to train with him at The Children's Hospital and other centres.
- Fellow, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (General Surgery and Paediatric Surgery), 1984; current Member, Section of Transplant Surgery.
- Current Member, Australian Association of Paediatric Surgeons.
- Current Member, Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand.
- Current Member, Pacific Association of Paediatric Surgeons.
- Member, International Paediatric Transplantation Association.

Council has sent mayoral congratulatory letters to the awardees.

Council is has organised a Mayoral afternoon tea to honour the awardees on Wednesday 11th July at 4pm at the Executive Offices.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Queens Birthday Honours List recipients for the Strathfield LGA for 2007.

Report approved by:

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