

Plus many more including the partners of some of those that attended. The group were pleased to donate some excess funds to Assistance Dogs and this was presented by Ed Kreamer.

A montage of photos from that period was displayed on a television during the evening. This is now available for viewing at https://www.petnews.com.au/full-magazine/?post_id=4750

So, what are they doing now? The following was supplied by some of the attendees.

ED KREAMER

Since stepping down from the Board of KraMar after the sale of the business to Nestle Purina in 2010, Ed Kreamer has continued to be involved in the business world as a non-executive Chairman of a footwear business (Homyped), Chairman of peer development group of 18, CEO's and Business Owners for Leadership ThinkTank, and head of a private investment syndicate.

Ed still lives in West Pennant Hills in Sydney's north west. He travels regularly with his wife Carmel, is still an active waterskier, and a regular competitor in motorsport events around Australia including Targa Tasmania and the Bathurst 6 hour. He has two boys the eldest Steven a professional musician and Matthew completing his last year of University.

ALAN WHELPTON

In 2001 at the age of 65 I sold Pets International Pty Ltd to good friends and business partners Brent & Wayne Wootton, a business I was involved with for almost 40 years.

At the same time I announced my retirement from Surf Life Saving Australia as President after holding the position for 26 years. I continued on as President of The International Life Saving Federation for a further 8 years and retired as President in 2008.

Since 2001 I have had the opportunity to spend a term on the Board of The Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) and today:

- Chairman Western Sydney Academy of Sport (since 2001)
- Chairman NSW Hall of Champions Selection Committee (since 1992)
- Selector of Sport Australia Hall of Fame in Melbourne (since 1998)
- Chairman Coronation Club Ltd Burwood (since 2006)
- Life Governor Surf Life Saving Australia (appointed 2001)
- Life Governor International Life Saving Federation (appointed 2008)

JOHN COUNIHAM

Still very active within the industry and tenaciously independent. 2 years ago we sold our Burnside retail store after 25 years to concentrate on our Mt Barker store in the lovely Adelaide hills. we are a shareholding member of indepet and are very active within the group. Currently don't have an active roll with PIAA however with my close association over nearly 30 years still get called upon to represent wherever I can.

EVIO CONTENATI

Evio Contenati of Pet City in Brisbane still owns the 61 year old family business but has withdrawn from the everyday running of the store and now consults weekly with his Store Manager.

He is now more or less a self-funded Retiree and is fortunate to have his two daughters as his neighbours and now indulges in his love of family, reading and classical music.

CAMERON McTAVISH

Happily retired (should have done it earlier) living on rainforest acreage on the Gold Coast. Traveling a lot and still can't pass a pet shop anywhere in the world without checking it out. Probably would travel more but gets separation anxiety from faithful hound Buster.

FAY AND DAVID GARRETT - Brooklands Pet Products

We are both still in the business & enjoying watching our children make a good job of running it now.

Warren our Son - Control's the buying overseas/Contact to Chain stores/importing Tropical & Marine Fish etc etc/plus many other duties Lauresa our Daughter - Control's office accounts/wages etc/breeding of tropical fish/goldfish & plants.

Jason our Son in law - Set up & looks after the Web/does some buying overseas/is a rep/visits Customers with reps in their area's etc/he also set up the plant department/handy man.

Warren & Jason do the main shows also. Fay is in the office, keeping eye on customer accounts, ordering NZ stock, plus other jobs were needed. David is still in his office doing overseas freight, overseas payments, money buying etc with a lot of other duties.

I'm sorry I couldn't get everyone's details in but suffice to say a great night was had by all and many commented that they look forward to repeating the event some time in the future. ■

WHAT'S NEW

THE POOCHETTE

Wag and Me have created an environmentally friendly and versatile solution towards encouraging more dog walkers to pick up after their dog. The Poochette is a 5 in 1 versatile dog walking bag and lead, primarily designed to temporarily store used dog waste bags until disposal.

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