

SR ANNE TUCK'S FAREWELL TO GARRY - WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH 2021

Sr Sue (Victoria-Tasmania Regional Leader) invited me to say a few words about Garry and I am very pleased to be able to do this

The background:

The members of the planning committee and leadership team thought it would be beneficial to advertise the position in 2005 to enable the person selected to begin work in 2006 during the construction of the Centre.

Garry was an answer to prayer. The initial applications were not successful. I had heard that Garry was resigning from his position at the CEO Melbourne. We decided to approach Garry to ask him if he would be interested in applying. He was leaving at the end of that week to go overseas. I said I would give him a copy of the job description to read on the plane and if he was interested to send in his application when he returned. This he did.

After reading his application the leadership team members decided he deserved an interview.

Mr Brian luby , Mr Brian Waldron, Mr Halyer Rayner and I interviewed Garry and were duly impressed with his deep love and knowledge of Mary Mackillop, his wide range of experience as a class teacher, principal, catholic education office staff member, his professionalism and his openness when responding to questions.

Garry's referees also gave very positive comments re his suitability for the role.

Garry began in February 2006 and from day one we knew we had selected the best applicant.

Addressing Garry:

Garry, your ability to work cooperatively with members of the planning committee, builders, Heritage Victoria, architects and the sisters who were sorting materials from East Melbourne into the former convent in Altona, amidst many challenges, was outstanding. Garry, you took on the role with great enthusiasm and dedication. For the past 15 years you have done over and above what was in the job description.

Your respect for each person - no matter what their position, sisters, staff, volunteers, workmen or visitors has enabled MMHC to be a place of welcome, peace and serenity for all.

You are someone we can be proud of as the first CEO of this wonderful Centre.

Garry, you have given your all to ensure the vision and objectives for the Centre have been well established so that whoever follows you will have a solid base on which to build.

You will be greatly missed but we know you have earned a time for rest and relaxation.

I thank you for all you have done, along with the staff and volunteers, to enable the dreams of the sisters for this place, to come to fruition.

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