

Although I am a member of WACRA, I rarely attend meetings, because of other commitments. When I attend, I am impressed by Jim's chairing, which is authoritative, knowledgeable, and well-balanced. I have seen people ask really detailed questions and he has always known how to respond, either by himself or by knowing whom to ask. A great WACRA team has developed under Jim's leadership, and that has been necessary to address the many and diverse issues WACRA addresses. The team structure is good although The Weekly Times Messenger might take a while to find such a recognisable face to insert each week 😊

Besides being in WACRA, I am also president of a residents' group, albeit much smaller than WACRA. From acting in this role, I can still only imagine how much work Jim has contributed to keep on top of things.

I have admired his perseverance in many complicated issues that have been protracted over many years, such as Antunes issues at Henley Square, and the health of Gulf Saint Vincent and its beaches.

He has also held leading roles in other organisations, for instance the Community Alliance of South Australia incorporated, and government entities operating at all levels of government. He has often maintained a very human approach in the face of bureaucratic ineptitude or worse. He has provided mentorship for others involved in community activism, and WACRA leadership for other groups. I remember a time when relations between the City of Charles Sturt and local community groups were at a particularly low ebb. Jim organised community group representatives to develop new skills in community engagement that would help us avoid or minimise conflict in meetings with council representatives

I'm glad to hear that Jim will continue as a WACRA committee member but will prioritise his own health, which has often come a bad second over the years he has worked so hard for the community.

Thank you, Jim.

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