

# The 32nd Annual General Meeting

The AGM of SHHH was held on 14 April 2018 at the Hillview Community Health Center. The meeting will be recorded as historic for SHHH as on this day at a Special General Meeting following the AGM, members voted for SHHH to be renamed as Hearing Matters Australia.

The meeting attracted a houseful of members; clearly the room felt small with some having to stand through the proceedings.

The AGM proceeded with the President, Christine Hunter's address and presenting of the accounts by the Treasurer, Jennifer Lee. A highlight of SHHH's AGMs is the presenting of awards.

## Libby Harricks Achievent Award

This award was established by SHHH Australia in memory of Libby Harricks, a friend and individual who through determination and spirit achieved more than she ever thought possible, both for herself and for many others. It is awarded to someone in the community who has been able to effectively manage a hearing loss and achieve success despite their handicap. The person will be over 25 years of age, lives in Australia, is hearing impaired and communicates orally. This Award is presented in recognition of both public and personal achievement through self-determination and hard work. It is through an understanding of the importance of self-help and a tireless assistance to many other people to help them achieve their own potential and ability that this individual is recognized and applauded.

This year's award winner was Richard Brading. The award was presented to him by David Harricks at the function.

Richard had an infection one Christmas on route to volunteer at a Beach Mission which resulted in hearing loss. He was about 20 then and went on to obtain a Law Degree.

Richard was a past President of SHHH for 20 years (1996-2016) as well as editor of our magazine Hearing Matters for 11 years. Thus, no stranger to the community, he has been working tirelessly for the hearing impaired. He has been a great advocate for SHHH representing it with other hearing organisations such as Better Hearing NSW, Deaf Society and Deafness Forum. He has spoken to Audiology students at Macquarie University on working with a hearing impairment and participates with NAL research.

Although he has resigned as President of SHHH he is still willing to attend some programmes such as trials for public transport and advise the Board on legal matters.

In his workplace Richard is the head lawyer for Wesley Community Legal Service. He was the winner of the 2016 Justice Medal for outstanding work in providing legal services to problem gamblers and for driving reform in response to the impact of problem gambling on disadvantaged people. Richard is currently representing Hornsby Baptist Church with the Baptist Property Trust.

He is the honorary solicitor of the Sydney Bushwalkers Club, a Bush-care Volunteer with the Hornsby Shire Council, and a Member of Baptist Churches of NSW Property Trust.

He is a regular contributor to Sharkwatch magazine, to New Directions and a range of other publications.

Richard is married and is the father of 3 daughters.



*The President, Christine Hunter addressing the Meeting.*



*Lucinda Bryan receiving The Spirit of SHHH Award.*