

Barbara Dutton's award



Jackie Wilgress, Barbara Dutton and Veronica Riddell



Teresa Findlay Barnes, Sue Richards, Barbara Dutton and Louise Markus



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At our AGM on November 11th a special presentation was made to a Family Worker who is retiring in December.

Barbara Dutton has worked as a grass roots family worker in the Blacktown LGA for 28 years, currently working at Centacare Blacktown, Barbara has decided to call it quits.

Colleagues were able to congratulate her upon her upcoming retirement.

Sue Richards Executive Officer from NSW Family Services spoke about the early days of family workers, who were called Homemakers. Mt Druitt Family Support, the first family support service began in 1979, The Year of the Child, and Barbara worked there from 1981 for 12 years before going to Centacare.

Sue also announced that Barbara would have a place on the NSW Family Services Roll of Honour , along with just 5 other former Family Support workers. Teresa Findlay Barnes was there as a former Roll of Honour recipient to present Barbara with her award.

Louise Markus Federal Member for Greenway, and a former Family Support Worker for more than 10 years at the Hills Family Centre, was also present to congratulate Barbara.

Congratulations Barbara, you will be missed.