

## **BLITS E-Newsletter March Special Edition 2012 Farewell and thank you Lois!**

It is a rare circumstance that causes the Board of BLITS, normally represented by the Chair, to break with protocol and write on its own behalf. You will have read in the latest BLITS E-Newsletter that in the lead up to her retirement, Lois Ford has resigned from her role as Chair of BLITS. This is a poignant occasion for current and past board members, BLITS Champions and BLITS officers. The incredible commitment Lois made many years ago to bring the concept of BLITS to a reality will be prominent among her long list of contributions to people with disability and the wider Canberra community.

The ongoing drive to extend the boundaries of BLITS, and the positive motivation and dynamic leadership Lois provided the board and officers both as a group and as individuals cannot be overstated. It has been due to Lois's dedication, imagination, heart and intelligence that BLITS has continued to grow and develop. Thanks to her efforts, BLITS continues to challenge itself to find new ways to promote and develop initiatives that support BLITS's purpose: to value and engage people with disabilities as customers, suppliers, employees and employers in business, the arts, and sport.

Thank you Lois, you will be greatly missed.

On a cheerier note, I ask all to join me in welcoming our new Chair, Mr Graham Hambleton.

You have heard a little about Graham in the last E-news, and you will certainly be hearing more from him in the future. He is an inspiring individual and we look forward to working with him in what Lois has referred to as 'the next era' of BLITS.

On behalf of the board of BLITS

Cindy Young

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