

Media Release

Congratulations to Rosemary Warmington AM

The Board of Carers SA would like to extend its heartfelt congratulations to Carers SA Chief Executive Rosemary Warmington on her recent appointment as a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia.

Ms Warmington AM was awarded for her service to the community of South Australia, particularly through advancing the recognition and rights of family carers and as an advocate for people with mental illness.

President of Carers SA Jan Wallent said Ms Warmington had dedicated her professional life to improving the lives of family carers and those with mental illness and had been pivotal in the growth and development of Carers SA over the past 18 years.

“Rosemary is tireless when it comes to fighting for the rights and wellbeing of family carers and people living with mental illness and her appointment to the Order of Australia is extremely well deserved,” Ms Wallent said.

“Since 1993, she has been central to building Carers SA’s statewide representation of family carers. She has worked hard to ensure carers in regional South Australia have as much support as those in metropolitan areas and continues to do everything she can to improve the health, wellbeing, resilience and financial security of caring families.

“Rosemary has also made an important contribution to work done at a national level for carers from across the spectrum of ageing, disability and mental health. ”

Ms Warmington was heavily involved in the development of the State Government Carers Policy 2009 and was a member of the review committees for the Mental Health Act 2009 and the Health and Community Service Complaints Act of 2004.

In recent years she has led Carers SA to receive international recognition for its ‘Supporting Carers of People with Mental Illness’ program at the Australia and New Zealand Mental Health Services Achievement Awards and the organisation also took out the Margaret Tobin Award for Excellence in the Provision of Mental Health Services in 2011.

Ms Warmington has received congratulations from the Governor General and will be presented with an insignia of her award at a formal ceremony at Government House later this year.

The purpose of Carers SA is to improve the lives of the 222,700 family carers across the state. Carers SA provides important services including counselling, advice, advocacy, education and training to carers. The organisation also promotes the recognition of carers and represents their interest and needs to governments, businesses and the public. For more information visit www.carers-sa.asn.au.

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