

## **Northern Highlands News Feb 2016**

Northern Highlands Soroptimists regretfully accepted the resignation of Charter member, Rosemary Martin at a recent meeting.

Rosemary's attendance at Club meetings and events will be greatly missed as she has been a significant contributor over the past 25 years, having been a Charter member of the Club and always a support and vital source of knowledge and information for the rest of the members.

2016 promises to be another interesting year with a meeting program and event calendar filled with varied activities and guest speakers.

To begin the year International Women's Day was celebrated by Northern Highlands on Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> with the very popular annual Breakfast. This year's event was attended by over 80 women who were entertained and enlightened by guest Speaker Genevieve Theseira-Haese, Adelaide City Council Lady Mayoress.

Mary Clark introduced Lady Mayoress Genevieve who spoke about her life of travel, study and business ventures leading up to the present time in Adelaide as the wife of the Lord Mayor. She gave a fascinating history of the 'lost' Opal which has now been returned to Adelaide after having been traded to sister city Austin, Texas many years ago.

Genevieve also acknowledged the Haese family ties with Jamestown and surrounding district with a special mention that Northern Highland's President Anne Redden was Martin Haese's babysitter when he was a small boy.

A special project she is working on is to tell the story of extraordinary and strong women of South Australia recognizing the vital contribution they have made to the growth of the state. She is also keen to build a city sisters movement enabling women to share experiences from many walks of life.

Club member Meredith Pammenter thanked Genevieve for sharing her life story with us, presenting her with basket of 'local produce' reminding us that 'alongside every successful man is a strong woman'.