

Minute of Appreciation to Allan Gibson OAM

Minute of Appreciation by Synod Standing Committee adopted on 19-20 June 2015

It is with great appreciation that the NSW & ACT Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia recognises the work and commitment of Allan Gibson who is retiring from the *Synod Risk Oversight Committee* (SROC) in November 2015 having been its inaugural Chairperson since March 2014. Allan was a member of SROC's predecessor the *Synod Audit and Risk Committee*, being a member from November 2006 and its Chairperson during its transition to SROC from September 2011 to March 2014.

It is with great appreciation that Allan is thanked for his commitment and work to bring the Synod and its various Agencies, Councils and Boards along an improving and best practice risk management and mitigation environment. Allan's work has been particularly important during material changes and challenging times for the Uniting Church and the NSW & ACT Synod and this was especially so in his dedication and diligence in the formative period of SROC.

Allan was awarded the OAM in January 2015 in recognition of his long and tireless commitment to various charities, including his work with the Uniting Church. Allan underwent major surgery in early 2015 and his resignation as Chairperson of SROC effective 30 March 2015 and retirement from SROC in November 2015 after dedicating 9 years to Synod risk management will allow Allan to spend more valuable time with his wife, family and grandchildren.

It is with great humility that SSC extends its thanks to Allan for all his work and commitment and wishes him the best of health as he continues to recover and best wishes for the many years ahead with his family.