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Third Gold Award in a row for Warrigal Care

WARRIGAL Care – which operates a new aged care facility at St Aubyn Rd Goulburn - has won for the third year in a row a Gold Award for its annual report at the 2009 Australasian Reporting Awards.

The award celebrates excellence in annual reporting and public accountability and was presented at the awards ceremony at the Crown Towers Hotel in Melbourne on June 4.

The ARA Awards were introduced almost 60 years ago to help improve the quality of annual reports.

To receive the Gold award, Warrigal Care's 40th year report had to satisfy all of the ARA Criteria and be exceptional in several areas.

The criteria are based on world best practice in annual reporting and are updated regularly to respond to changing stakeholder expectations and statutory requirements.

Warrigal Care was the only aged care organisation to win a Gold award this year.

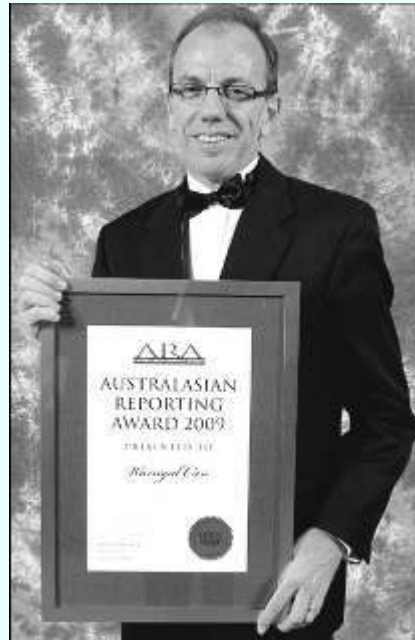
"The award demonstrates Warrigal Care's commitment to information transparency. We seek to be open and honest with the public," Warrigal Care CEO Mark Sewell said.

"Demonstrating best disclosure practices is key to gaining and keeping community trust in our reputation and practices.

"This is essential to us," he commented

"Being a charitable organisation, the opportunity to be benchmarked against the standards and performance of the commercial business sector and to exceed these is a great achievement.

"It proves our commitment to building strong links with the community and



• GOLD GOLD GOLD: Mark Sewell CEO of Warrigal Care holding the 2009 ARA Gold Award.

being part of best practice aged care."

Warrigal Care also provides aged care services to the communities of Gladesville, Sydney in the north, to Queanbeyan in the south, Bundanoon in the Southern Highlands to the west and in the Illawarra in the east.

"Our mission is to provide 'excellence in service to older people' and being awarded with another Gold award shows that we are making the right steps to improve our communication and be innovative in our service of customers," Mr Sewell said.