

## Message from the Chair of the 50th Anniversary Dinner Organising Committee



On behalf of ACCA, it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to this significant occasion as we celebrate ACCA's 50th Anniversary.

Tonight, we are honoured to have our Joint Patrons Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales and Mr Dennis Wilson for joining us on this very special occasion. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Federal and State Members of Parliament, local government Councillors, business people, past and present ACCA office bearers, management and staff for taking their time to join us this evening.

Like many of our dedicated volunteers who give up their free time to serve the community, I first joined ACCA in 2008 initially as an ordinary volunteer and then as a volunteer director of the Board. I was also privileged to be elected President of ACCA from 2016 to 2018.

It was an honour to be appointed the Chair of the 50th Anniversary Dinner Organising Committee. We knew it was a huge challenge as ACCA events are normally large and well attended by many dignitaries, so our Organising Committee members and myself hit the ground running and preparations started more than six months ago. A big thank you to Mr Henry Tang, Chairman of Zilver Group (The Eight Restaurant), and his dedicated staff for accommodating us and doing a splendid job.

It is also particularly meaningful that our 50th Anniversary coincides with the Year of the Dragon – in the Chinese zodiac the Dragon symbolises strong leadership, wisdom, friendship, good fortune and good health. This spirit is reflected in our celebration tonight, which features good food, good entertainment, and the warmth of the community.

It is not every day that we celebrate a milestone like this 50th Anniversary. Half a century of dedication is a testament to ACCA's incredible journey to serve our community, indeed with ACCA's remarkable achievements these are good reasons for our joyous celebration to continue beyond this evening. Hope you all have a fabulous time. Cheers!

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Event Chair and Vice-President of ACCA