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MEDIA ALERT

WEDNESDAY, 10 August 2005

BILL WOOD TESTIMONIAL DINNER

ACT Labor Leader and Chief Minister Jon Stanhope and ACT ALP President Eva Cawthorne are hosting an ALP testimonial dinner for former ACT Minister and MLA Mr Bill Wood tonight.

Mr Wood retired at last year's ACT Election after serving as a Member of the ACT Legislative Assembly since its inauguration on 8 May 1989 and was a Minister in both the Follett and Stanhope Labor Governments.

Under Rosemary Follett as ACT Chief Minister, Bill was Minister for Education and Training, Minister for the Arts and Heritage, and Minister for the Environment, Land and Planning from June 1991 until March 1995.

As a member of the Stanhope Cabinet Bill held the portfolios of Arts, Urban Services, Housing, Disability and Community Services, and Police and Emergency Services.

Bill was also a member of the Queensland Parliament from 1969 to 1974 before moving to Canberra.

Bill and his wife Beverly were granted Life Membership of the Australian Labor Party at the recent Annual Conference of the ACT Branch. Between them they share more than 100 years of continuous membership of the ALP.

The Dinner is being held this evening, **Wednesday 10 August**, at the **Burns Club, 8 Kett St, Kambah**, commencing at **7:30pm**. Journalists, official media photographers and camera crews will be allowed entry into the event.

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