

Past presidents' dinner

By Tom Goudkamp



Left to right: Peter Semmler, Peter Carter, Peter Cashman, Rob Davis, John Gordon, Tom Goudkamp and Richard Faulks

It was my great privilege on 23 April 2005 to host the inaugural Past Presidents' Dinner to thank our former presidents for their contribution to the organisation

over the years and to let them know that they have not been forgotten (or forgiven).

The past presidents came from far and wide and enjoyed an exhilarating

and stimulating night, firstly on Sydney harbour and then at the fabulous Flying Fish restaurant at Pyrmont.

All the past presidents attended, namely:

Peter Semmler QC (Sydney)

1994 – 1998

Peter Carter (Brisbane)

1998 – 2000

Peter Cashman (Sydney)

2000 – 2001

Rob Davis (Gold Coast)

2001 – 2003

John Gordon (Melbourne)

2003 – 2004

Hopefully the Past Presidents' Dinner will be an annual event and become part of the Australian Lawyers Alliance tradition. It is certainly great to have their continued involvement and interest in our growing organisation. The confidence expressed in the strength of the organisation and its relevance as a professional organisation today, and into the future, was certainly heartening. It is our intention to create a collective sense of history and to track the evolution of an organisation dedicated to justice, freedom and the rights of individuals. ■

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