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**ILLAWARRA DIGGERS RECENTLY OPENED THE NEW AND REFURBISHED ACCOMMODATION FOR RESIDENTS AT ITS AGED AND COMMUNITY CARE COMPLEX AT CORRIMAL.**

ILLAWARRA Diggers has spent more than \$15 million to improve the quality of the accommodation for residents at Corrimal.

Australian Senior Citizen of the Year Distinguished Professor Graham Farquhar, OA, officially opened the new building and renovations at a special ceremony in October this year.

Official guests included the Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird, Member for Corrimal, Ryan Park, Member for Wollongong, Paul Scully, Wollongong City councillor Janelle Rimmer and CEOs from other not-for-profit organisations.

"The special guests were all our residents, who were represented by Eleanor Thornton, who gave the 'welcome to our home' address," Illawarra Diggers CEO Peter



**ILLAWARRA DIGGERS FORMER CHAIRMAN BARRY GLOVER:** Speaking at the opening of the new and refurbished care complex at Corrimal.

Whittall said.

In her speech, Eleanor spoke not only of the lovely new rooms and surrounds but took the opportunity to pay tribute to the dedicated staff who care for the 105

residents with kindness and respect in all facets of their daily needs.

Retired chairman Barry Glover spoke about the history of the complex, which began in 1946 at the old War-



**LEFT TO RIGHT:** Australian Senior Citizen of the Year Prof Graham Farquhar, resident Eleanor Thornton, chairman Michael Grew and CEO Peter Whittall at the opening.



**STAFF MEMBER PAUL ORGAN:** He is chatting with the residents attending the opening ceremony at the Corrimal complex.

time Camp Hospital in Mt Keira to assist diggers who needed help after returning from the horrors and trauma of the Second World War.

"Since relocating to Corrimal in 1979 we have wel-

comed residents from across the broader community, as well as the inclusion of women since 2007," he said.

The renovations include a three-storey new building, comprising 26 new rooms,

four lounges, and two care stations, as well as a new entry and refurbishment of 62 existing rooms, dining room and offices.

Mr Whittall said residents are made to feel that the complex is their home and that the staff are there to support them to whatever extent is needed.

"We want them to feel that we are in their home rather than they are in our workplace," he said.

Mr Whittall said Illawarra Diggers had a strong reputation in the community and among residents and relatives as a caring and supportive place to live.

"Our staff have created a wonderful reputation for providing excellent support to our residents and their relatives and for the various levels of care needed by each resident," he said.

Located at 8 Blundell Parade in Corrimal, please phone the Illawarra Diggers Corrimal aged and community care complex at Corrimal on 4225 4700.

Or see the website at [illawarradiggers.com.au](http://illawarradiggers.com.au) for more details.