

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **WOLLONGONG AGAINST CORRUPTION ANNOUNCES THE FIRST JOHN HATTON AWARD FOR COMMUNITY DEMOCRACY**

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Wollongong Against Corruption (WAC), which is holding its inaugural "Making Community Democracy Work" conference next Saturday 16 August 2008 at the Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow today announced a \$500 prize for the first John Hatton Award for Community Democracy.

The prize, \$400 cash and a \$100 book voucher from Perey's Old Books at 141 Keira St., Wollongong will be awarded with an inscribed trophy to the best 500-1,000 word entry for the topic:

**"How would I best create community democracy in Wollongong?"**

WAC Secretary Graham Larcombe says "We are honoured that John Hatton, Australia's foremost legendary anti-corruption fighter, has endorsed this prize. The competition is open to everyone.

We are very keen for all media sources in the Illawarra to promote the Award. "The winner will be announced on the day of the NSW Local Government elections on 13 September 2008, the day Wollongong and Shellharbour people will miss out on their democratic right to vote."

The judging panel will be looking for comments about the meaning of democracy, how to engage the community in democracy, the significance and history of your right to vote, and how corruption can be overcome in Wollongong. This is an exciting initiative to get everyone actually thinking about these issues."

"We are especially keen to engage young people, high school students, TAFE students, and university students in our democratic processes."

All entries must be received by 5.00pm Wednesday 10 September 2008 and sent to [wac.group@yahoo.com.au](mailto:wac.group@yahoo.com.au) or to WAC, PO Box 859 Thirroul NSW 2515

The winning entry will be read and presented by John Hatton, OA and Jaycees Australia's Outstanding Young Man of the Year (1970) on the 13 September 2008 in Wollongong.

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