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The Australian Superfine Wool Growers Association (ASWGA) has awarded Life Membership to Rod Thirkell-Johnston AM of Macquarie Hills, Tasmania for outstanding service to ASWGA and the superfine Merino wool industry as a whole, over many decades. Mr Thirkell-Johnston AM has served ASWGA as a Councillor, Vice President, two terms as President and more recently as honorary secretary

to the ASWGA National Executive. Rod's enormous knowledge of the industry history is constantly drawn upon in the decision making process and in submissions to government. His passion for the wool industry started as a young boy showing his first sheep at the age of six, that passion has continued to flourish into a lifetime of dedication.

"Rod Thirkell-Johnston AM has had an enormous impact on the Superfine Merino Wool Industry," said Helen Cathles, ASWGA President, "there is not a single wool grower whose enterprise has not benefitted by Rods tireless efforts to make representation to governments and industry bodies, highlighting the deficiencies and supporting the solutions. It is with sincere thanks that we award our highest honour to him".

The award was made at the ASWGA AGM at AWTA in Melbourne with the National Council and five past Presidents there to endorse and congratulate Mr Thirkell-Johnston AM on his achievement.



L/R: Past Presidents of ASWGA Frank O'Connor, W.A (Bill) Crawford, Barry Walker OAM, Rod Thirkell-Johnston AM, W.R.R (Robert). Beggs, Kevin Dunn and current President Helen Cathles at the recent Australian Superfine Wool Growers AGM in Melbourne for honouring two time President of ASWGA Rod Thirkell-Johnston AM with Life membership of ASWGA.

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