

50 years of wedded bliss

COUPLE RENEW VOWS

Pauline Priest

DRESSING in their finest to renew wedding vows after 50 years gave Dawn and Bill Westerveld of Erina the opportunity to gather far flung family together.

The happy occasion was held at Tarragal Glen Country Club with about 35 family and friends attending.

The couple met in 1956 and moved to the Central Coast when Dutch born Mr Westerveld, who represented New Zealand and Australia in soccer, travelled to his sporting goods store in Newcastle from Sydney.

It was during this time that he stopped off at Terrigal, liked the area and bought a weekender then moved there.

Because of health issues and requiring 24-hour emergency access Mr and Mrs Westerveld moved to Tarragal Glen.

"We have lived here for 11 years, it has been a big help to us as there is lots of

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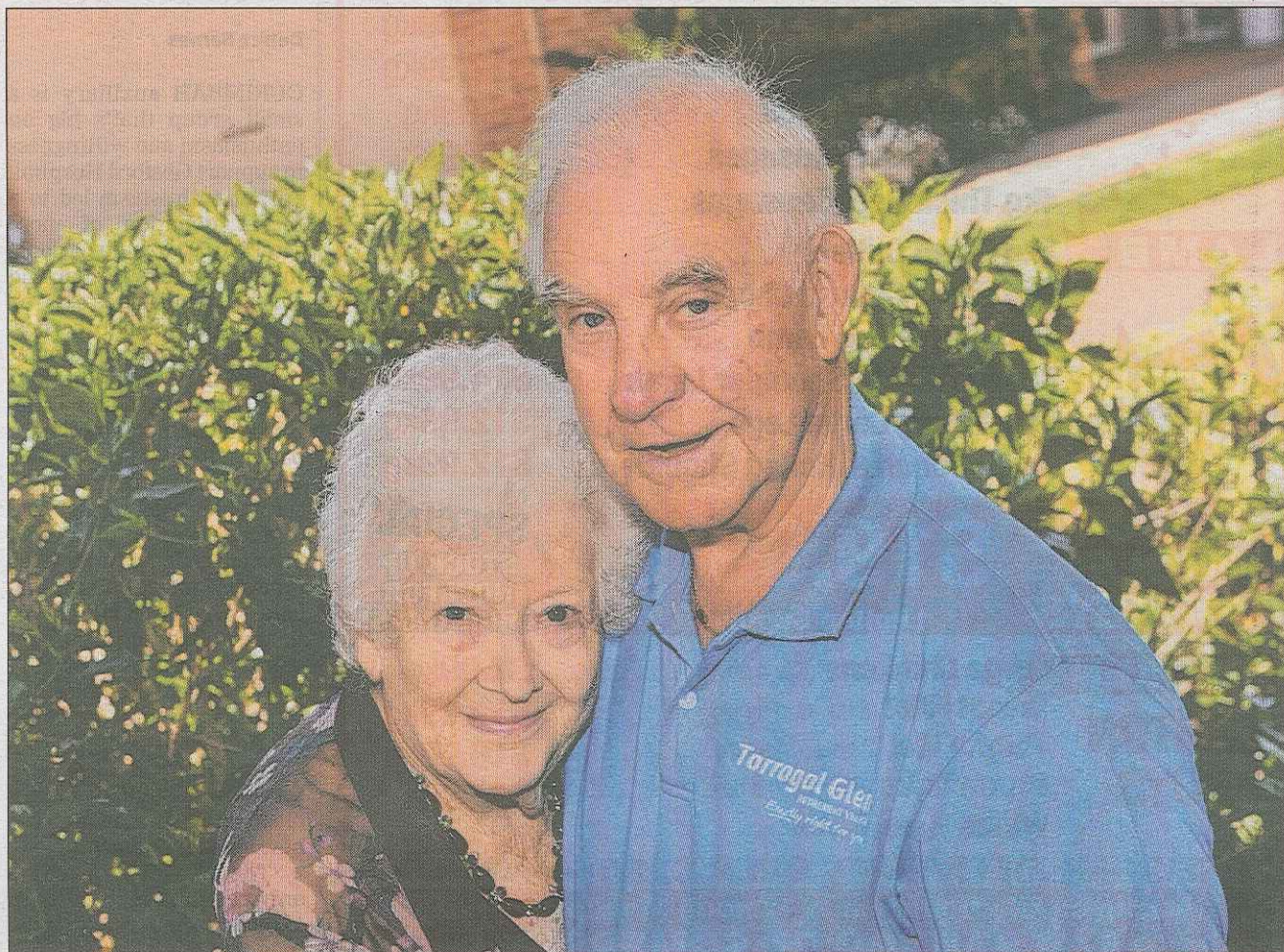
- Renewal of wedding vows is usually held on the couple's wedding anniversary date.
- Some have the original vows and these are often used or incorporated in the renewal ceremony.
- The ceremonies are also used as an occasion when a couple upgrade their rings.
- A licence is not required and the ceremony can be officiated by anyone as it is not legally binding.

support. We have also made many friends here," Mr Westerveld said.

Daughter Susan and husband Ken travelled from Forster and the Westerveld's granddaughters Alicia of Alice Springs, Melina of Newcastle and Danielle of Sydney.

Also attending were two friends who attended their wedding 50 years ago.

Mr Westerveld is a keen Central Coast Mariners supporter and life member.



Dawn and Bill Westerveld celebrated 50 years of marriage by renewing their wedding vows in front of family and friends.

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