
In Memoriam



Beryl Hodgson **Past District Governor**

Quota International of Brisbane City, Inc.

June 8, 2018



Beryl was a member for almost 42 year and held most if not all board positions in the 4 Quota clubs of which she was a member (Brisbane City, North Brisbane, Mt Gravatt and Beaudesert). She was a charter member of QI Beaudesert when it formed on 5 November 1976. As well as of Brisbane City when it chartered on 29th February 1996. She was Lt Governor and Governor (1987-88) of the 30th District. During her time as Lt Governor she organised new clubs in Stanthorpe and Carindale. As Governor she organised the off-shore conference on Norfolk Island which was then part of the 30th District.

She was the driving force behind our annual Christmas Breakfast which is one of QI Brisbane City's major events and fund-raisers. For many years she was Chairman/Organiser of this event. Her creativity and energy made this event special for many people. The breakfast came about during her involvement with Q-Share which was an initiative she set up and organised as a member of QI of North Brisbane.

She also initiated the Achiever Awards (for students in special schools or special education units) while in the North Brisbane club, and carried these across to Brisbane City. These awards are given out by various members at the participating schools at year's end.

Beryl was Quota's representative on Brisbane's UNIFEM (United Nations Development Fund for Women) committee

and was one of the two Quota representatives on the group that coordinated the Service Clubs Hospitality Suite at World Expo 88 in Brisbane, as well as bring treasurer for the later.

Beryl was active outside Quota acting as foster carer for the RSPCA and Secretary for her local Neighbourhood Watch Committee for many years.

Beryl always thought outside the square, her creativity and sense of humour brought much joy and happiness to events. The skits she wrote, and her innovative ideas allowed us to have some wonderful Christmas Breakfast themes. Beryl was always passionate about women's ability to be equal in all things. Her hospitality and friendship were enjoyed by many members as she opened her home for committee meetings and working bees.

QI Brisbane city recognised Beryl posthumously as their 2019 Volunteer of the Year. This is something the Club realised it should have done while she was with us, but that is so typical of Beryl. She just did things and

they happened, and we didn't notice that she was not going to be with us forever. She was an active member of the club until a few months before her passing on June 8th, 2018