

## **Eulogy for Barbara Lodge**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2010, Barbara Lodge was awarded the Life Long Historian Achievement Award for 2020 at a ceremony at the Hetzel Theatre at the State Library in Adelaide.

Sadly, Barbara passed away suddenly and unexpectedly, on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – just 16 days after accepting this award. She was 92 years old.

Barbara was born in Ceduna, lived with her parents and younger brother in Murray Bridge, Melbourne and then in Knightsbridge (now known as Leabrook). She lost her mother in 1939 when she was just 11 years old. Barbara attended Murray Bridge Primary School and then Marrayatville Primary School. She attended Norwood High School and did very well – topping the state in Modern History in her Leaving Exams (now Year 10). Perhaps this was the beginning of her love of history and why it became such a large part of her life.

Barbara attended Miss Mann's Business College in Adelaide and after completing her studies in short hand, typing and book-keeping was employed at the college to teach those subjects for the following 6 years. She was then offered a job in the Public Service where she worked as a secretary. Due to her short hand speed, Barbara was always offered the most interesting jobs.

In 1956 she took 12 months leave and travelled to England. She found work there and earned enough money to hitch hike throughout England and Europe with the friends that she had travelled with.

Barbara married in 1959 and had two boys. Her husband Colin passed away in 1994 and her eldest son died in 2016.

After her marriage, Barbara came to live in Ardrossan and although she found the early days lonely and somewhat difficult at first, she quickly became involved in the community.

Barbara worked as the Ardrossan Area School's Secretary for 11 years, was a member of the Ardrossan Hospital Board for 15 years (serving as Chair for 3 of those years), monitored vital calls for Eldercare, served with Meals on Wheels since the day it started in Ardrossan, volunteered with the Hospital Auxiliary and Op Shop, was a tour guide for SA Tourism and Hospitality and was a treasured and much respected member of the Ardrossan Heritage Museum Committee.

Barbara's research and written history of Ardrossan and the Hundred of Cunningham will be a lasting memorial to a remarkable woman.

Barbara will be missed by all her knew her.

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