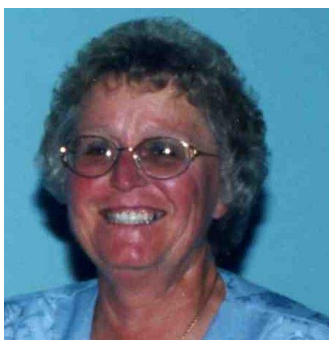


# BRISBANE WOMENS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBER

MRS LYNETTE KAE (LYN) THOMAS OAM (NEE DELLIT)

Born: 23/04/1944



Lyn commenced her hockey career in 1957 playing for Peninsula Ladies Hockey Club, she later joined Taxation Women's Hockey Club and Pine Rivers Hockey Club and was coached along the way by Mary Nairn and Ruby Robinson.

Lyn played representative hockey as a Primary and Secondary Schoolgirl and then Queensland Schoolgirls and Brisbane open teams. Lyn has spent many years as Umpires Convenor and mentor and is still serving as a Technical Officer.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED: 1990**

## BRISBANE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

- Member, Management Committee 1982, 1994–1995, 1998–1999, and 2003–2009.
- Match Secretary, 1991–2003.
- Umpires Steward, 1980–1999.
- Umpires Board Convener 1994–1995.
- Member, Umpires Board 1982, 1984–1993, and 1995
- Director, Competitions Recording and Reporting, 2004–2009.
- Member, U13 Championship Committee, 2003.
- Member, Fixtures & Grading Committee, 1982–1987, and 1989–1992.
- Member, Umpires and Technical Committee, 2011–ongoing.
- Technical Officer and Technical Judge, 2000–ongoing.

## QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

- State C' Umpires Badge, 1966.
- State A' Umpires Badge, 1967
- AA' Umpires Badge, 1967
- Long Service Award, 1993
- Technical Bench Certificate, 1996.

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- Member, Technical Committee, 2000–2004, 2006–2012, and 2015–2019.
- Member, Competitions Committee 2002–2004.
- Tournament Director, Premier League Championship, 2001–2005
- Tournament Director, U13 Championship, 2002
- Tournament Director, U15 Tournament, 2004 and 2005.
- Technical Officer (Townsville), International Series, 2004.
- Tournament Director, HQ Open Women Tournament, 2011.
- Technical Official, Australian Level 2, 1998.
- Technical Official, Australian Level 3, 2006.
- Life Member, since 2012.

## OTHER AWARDS AND RECOGNITION INCLUDE:

- Life Member, Taxation Hockey Club.
- Hockey Queensland Volunteer of the Year, 1999.
- Brisbane Electorate Community Award, 2004.
- Order of Australia Medal (OAM) 2022

## MEMORIES THEN AND NOW

Lyn recalls Mrs Jessop's jelly cake slice and cakes in the canteen at Marchant Park. After moving to Downey Park the Saturday afternoons playing, umpiring, coaching, social Sundays for the opening of the season at Redcliffe, Warwick and Murwillumbah are among her fondest memories.

Sitting at management meetings until after midnight in what is now the Hockey Shop with the westerly winds whistling through the lattice work are also brought to mind.

Lyn – on changes to the game have made it faster with less stop-start but recalls the “bully” fondly.

Lyn's playing days saw serious competition, friendly rivalry, and great mates off the field.

Annual Meetings were a great time to catch up with friends prior to each new season. Social days to country centres involved overnight trips and car pooling.

A commitment to Club and Association and support for club teams would create more 'atmosphere' but this could only be achieved with a 'one venue' situation.