

CONGRATULATIONS MRS MARJORY HAYES OAM

Mrs Marjory Hayes, a long-time resident of Wynnum and member of the NMBVAA Queensland and Brisbane Branch, received the OAM in this year's Australia Day Honours' List for her services to the Wynnum Community.

Marjory was born in Maryborough on the 12th August 1924. It was not long before her family moved to Wynnum where she has lived for 80 years. She went to the Manly State School. After moving into the work force, she worked for ten years with the Medical Hire Service, hiring out equipment for the disabled. She worked in the staff canteen at the Pleasantville Nursing Home at Wynnum for seven year and for the Red Cross Medical Loans Department for a number of years. Marjory married and had two boys.

Marjory has had a close association with the NMBVAA Qld and Brisbane Branch. Her husband was a Korean Veteran and one of her sons a Vietnam Veteran. For many years she has made wreaths for Veteran Associations and the Wynnum Red Cross and sold badges for legacy and the RSL. She aptly describes herself as "an excellent fundraiser."

Fundraising activities have been many. Marjory worked in the Salvation Army jumble shop for seventeen years. She has had a long association with local organisations. She belonged to the Redland's Trotting Club and owned her own trotter. She was a member of the Mt Gravatt Show Society, acting as a steward in the Doll Showing Section and Quilting Section. She has also exhibited her own dolls.

The charities that claim most of her time these days are the Salvation Army and Mission Australia, in particular, Camp Quality which is well known for its involvement with the caring of children with cancer. She helped to provide Camp Quality with sewing machines and materials which were used to assist young ladies gain skills to get them into the work-force. Marjory was instrumental in forming a group of ladies to do knitting for Camp Quality. There are at present seventeen ladies in this group.

In 2006 Marjory received the "Woman of the Year" award from the Quota Club and in 2011 received the "Senior Citizen of the Year" award from the Brisbane Lord Mayor. At 89 years of age she was still actively involved in fundraising and working for her charities. The OAM is a well-deserved honour for a lady who has done so much helping others.

Sadly, Marjory passed away on the 26th. July, 2017. Aged 92 Years.