

GROUP... Your Local Peninsula Hotels

In 1946, with Dorothy Houghton's husband, Norman, nearing the end of his war service as a fighter pilot, she asked him, "What do you think you'll do when you're discharged?"

Norman's father had purchased the Portsea Hotel in 1941, so his reply was "I'll go to Portsea to help the old man."

"If you think for one moment I'll go into the hotel industry - that's the last thing I'd do!" was Dorothy's quick response.

Not only did Dorothy move into the hotel industry, in the past sixty years or more, she raised four children, is Nana to six children, and has recorded an astonishing record of achievement and community service. Yet her professional work has never impinged on the considerable energy she has directed into activities that improve the quality of life for residents of the Mornington Peninsula.

Starting with presidencies of mothers clubs, scouts and school committees, Dorothy expanded her community service in a wide variety of organisations.

Dorothy was the first female Councillor for the Flinders Shire, serving as President in 1980/81 and chairing the Welfare Committee for 12 years.

She was a Board Member of the Mornington Peninsula Hospital group, has worked for the National Trust and was Chairman of the McCrae Homestead Committee. She was also Chairman of the Appeal Committee that raised funds to purchase the Victorian 1803 First Settlement Site in Sorrento.

Dorothy has coordinated many appeals, including cancer and bushfire fundraisers, and was an active member of the Rosebud Hospital Building Appeal Committee. She's been a Red Cross member and was also the first female member of a Southern Region rotary club a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Add to these achievements the Shire of Flinders Citizen of the Year Award in 1973; the Queens Silver Jubilee Medal in 1976; the Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1980 and being chosen as one of six finalists in the Victorian of the Year awards in 1992, you have to wonder as to how one person can find the energy, time and commitment to accomplish and contribute so much to the Peninsula community.

"Age is not judged in years," she says, "but in what a person can accomplish."

Obviously, Dorothy is in her prime.

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