



# Marie Donnelly



Marie Donnelly was one of the founders of Brisbane Women's Squash Association in the 1960's and over twenty-five years played a vital role in the administration of squash at all levels. She was Vice-President of Brisbane Women's Squash, Vice-President of the Queensland Squash Association and Vice-President of Australian Squash Association. In addition she was a District, State and National Selector for many years and also Convenor of many State Junior Championships and Queensland Open Championships. When the Australian Championships were held in Queensland she was a very active member on the Match, Organising and Social Committees that were needed to host this major National event on the squash calendar.

She was a founding member of the Queensland Referees Association and was Manager of Queensland Squash teams and National Women's Squash teams.

In 1976 the first Women's World Squash Championships were held at Marie's Centre at Stafford Fiveways and she was a vital member of the organizing Committee for this international event.

She managed/leased squash courts at Stones Corner and Stafford Fiveways for 15 years. She played for many years at A1 level. She was renowned for her encouragement of juniors and assisted many young boys and girls to become champions in this State. Her two sons, Michael and John, were also top squash players and were members of Queensland and Australian Squash teams.

She was made a Life Member of Stones Corner Squash Club, Brisbane Women's Squash Rackets Association and the Queensland Squash Association for her major contribution to the game of squash.

Marie was born on 1 January 1929 and died on 23 June 2000 - aged 71 years. The trustees of the Brisbane Women's Squash Rackets Association are delighted to sponsor the Marie Donnelly Queensland Junior Championships in 2005.