

Centennial Celebrations

ROYAL PAPUA YACHT CLUB

LIFE MEMBERS

PATRICIA BRYAN



Patricia Bryan was born on 4th January 1944 in Sydney NSW. She attended Narrabeen Primary and Stella Maris College, Manly.

Patricia's early career began in the arena of legal searching from which she progressed and created her own Conveyancing Company. She arrived in Port Moresby in 1976. Both she and husband Dave Bryan MBE, a Life Member of the RPYC himself, were power boaters.

Patricia and Dave purchased their beloved "Fathom" a 25ft Bertram and after joining the Papua Yacht Club were avid fishing folk setting numerous Club and National records from that time onward. Patricia also assisted Dave with the search and rescue radio network they set up including "Fathom Base" on 27meg.92 and she spent many a waking hour monitoring that channel and saving many lives as a result of this service.

Patricia participated actively in the Port Moresby Game Fishing Club both on and off the committee from 1982 until 1990 competing in competitions and acting as secretary for the Committee. Trish was known for not just the fish she caught but the style in which she did it – always the most glamorous out there! Her husband Dave was also an active Game Fishing committee member and fisherman of fame.

Patricia then joined the Executive Committee as Social Secretary from 1991 – 1997. The role was very hands on and very few were capable of saying 'no' to Trish once asked to assist or for a favor. With no club restaurant of its own Trish would even cook for the events held at the old clubhouse.

Not only did she instigate the fun "social" activities and events, but Patricia also set up the "Major Debt Reduction Fund" in 1996 to help get the huge new marina debt under control. This led directly to the PMGFC introducing the Joker Draw in September 1996 as its contribution to the Fund. The draw has continued to be a major part of Friday nights at the club.

Patricia affirmed that she loved her involvement with the RPYC for the wide range of people and personalities she encountered; the Friday night socialising with friends; the social functions; Balls and "especially the Yacht Club Reviews not to forget the annual Yacht Club Picnic". She said "The friendships you made in PNG last a life-time".

Patricia was bestowed Life Membership in February 1997 for her tremendous contributions to the 'social' scene of the RPYC; from the introduction of aerobic sessions at the gym, to Friday night Sundowner drinks, as well as the Christmas Party. We owe Trish a debt of gratitude.

Patricia departed PNG in 2010 to spend more time developing their Stud Droughtmaster Property in Australia.

