

## Carmel Keys

Carmel Keys was born on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1927 in Sydney and in this, her 90<sup>th</sup> year, Carmel will be honoured at the Jean Arnot Luncheon to be held in the Stranger's Dining Room Parliament House, Sydney. Carmel is being sponsored for this honour by Australian Church Women of NSW Inc and Catholic Women's League Australia - New South Wales Inc. The luncheon honours ladies in their 90s who have contributed to their communities in a variety of ways to improve the status of women.

Carmel holds a Pharmacy degree, a Certificate in Archaeology (Victoria), and has done courses in Moral Theology, Philosophy and Ethics. Carmel has served on Parish Councils in NSW and Victoria as well as on Liturgy Committees. She has been a member of the Steering Committee for Diocesan Planning and the Ecumenical Commission of Broken Bay and has attended meetings of the NSW Ecumenical Council. Carmel was President of Australian Church Women NSW 2006-2008. She has been noted for her commitment to ecumenism and concern for the welfare of fellow members.

Carmel is a life member of Catholic Women's League. She has been Diocesan President of Broken Bay Diocese, State President for two terms and President and Secretary of Manly Branch of CWL. Carmel has been Social Responsibilities Officer for both Australian Church Women NSW and Catholic Women's League Diocese of Broken Bay.

Carmel has written Parish histories, one in Victoria and one in Manly, and the History of Catholic women's League, Manly. President of the Ex-Students Union for St Scholastica's Glebe Point was another of her commitments. Visiting the sick is an avenue of service Carmel has pursued faithfully.

Carmel is also involved in works in the Philippines for the Asian Pacific Scholarship Fund for women in the area through the ACW and sponsors a student personally.

Carmel is a caring, generous, unselfish person. She has supported and mentored others who have come after her in these roles and willingly gives of her time and energies to helping others. She is an active member of her church community at Mary Immaculate Catholic church in Manly. She is a delightful person and it has been a privilege for those who have been able to know and work with her.