

# Helen Richardson

- Born:** Helen (nee Baker) was born in March 1931.  
Manly, New South Wales
- Education:** Attended school in Bermagui, and moved back to Sydney in 1938 attended Many Public School and Manly Home Science High.  
1988 – Bachelor of Arts
- Family:** Husband Alan Richardson, (married June 1952)  
Four sons, six grandsons and 4 great-grandsons



Helen's first years were spent in Manly, NSW. The family then moved to a dairy farm at Tilba Tilba on the South Coast of New South Wales. She started school in Bermagui, and then moved back to Sydney in 1938.

Her family had an affiliation with the Methodist church, where she attended Sunday School until she was 16, when she started work. Her first job was a clerical position with the MLC Insurance company where she stayed for 3 years, and then moved on to work in the office of a clothing manufacturer.

Helen married Alan Richardson on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1952, and they became the parents of 4 boys. They settled in the Dee Why area and have been long term members of St David's Uniting Church at Dee Why. Helen worked in the church office in the 1970's and in 1980 started work at the Uniting Church Synod Office.

Life Membership of Australian Church Women (ACW) NSW State Unit Inc. was conferred on Helen in 2011 in recognition of her faithful commitment for a period of 30 years as a Uniting Church delegate. During this time, she has held Executive positions of Functions Convener and Treasurer. When the National Executive was based in NSW in 1989-91, Helen held the office of Secretary. That commitment to ACW continues today after 40 years.

Helen was instrumental in founding the Dee Why Branch of ACW 1980 which continues because of her leadership.

As an outcome of her interest in Asian Church Women's Conference (ACWC), Helen attended the ACWC Assembly in Kuala Lumpur which celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ACWC and Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) in 2006. She had attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FLC held in 1980 in Manila, The Philippines.

Other interests and activities have been teaching English to migrants through AMES and driving for Community Aid and Transport for the Disabled. She joined Pan Pacific & South East Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA) in 1996, and continues to enjoy their meetings and has represented ACW to the World Day of Prayer Committee and National Council of Women. Helen is a Life Member of the Parents and Citizens Association.

Helen and Alan still live in Dee Why and she enjoys doing both crossword and jigsaw puzzles and knitting for relaxation.