

Australian Church Women National Life Member

MRS LEEOLA LOUGHNAN - WESTERN AUSTRALIA - 2013



Leeola was born in Northham, Western Australia. Her schooling was undertaken at St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Leederville prior to completing her Junior Certificate at Girdlestone High School in Perth. Her initial employment was as a clerical assistant at the Western Australian Lotteries Commission.

Married to Terry in 1960 the family settled in Woodlands where she was involved for thirty years in the activities of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish. She was Vice president of the Parish council for three years.

She is now at Our Lady of the Mission Parish in Whitford but only on one roster.

Leeola was an active member of the Majellans, a women's Catholic group, where she served on the Central Committee and was State President for a three year term. She was also involved as a facilitator with the Bayla Self Help Cancer group at many retreats.

She joined the Western Australian Unit of ACW in 1995 as a representative of Majellans. She has been an office bearer many times: as President and Secretary more than once each, as Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener, and Convener of Special Days.

Nationally she has served on two Western Australian based National Committees: as Secretary in 2001 – 2003 and Treasurer during the current term, 2011 – 2013. She has filled all offices with deep commitment and distinction.

Leeola also chaired the inaugural Wembley Downs Christian Council and was Chairperson on the Churchlands Senior High School Chaplaincy Committee. She was an off-air counselor for Graham Maybury Nightline for over five years where her wise counsel helped many lonely and troubled callers.

Her ecumenical involvement therefore spreads beyond Australian Church Women.

Her Leisure activities include patchwork and quilting where she has been actively involved for many years and being retired has been able to participate in the various committees of the Western Australian Quilters' Association.

Leeola has a wide circle of friends, and a very close family [three children and seven grandchildren] of whom she is very proud.

It is an honour to commend her for receipt of a National Life Membership to fill the quota allowed within our Unit.

