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THE BARBARA PAYNE COLLECTION

**Women, Launceston
Mayors, Launceston**

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INTRODUCTION

Barbara Tweed Payne (nee Luck) was born in 1926 at Devonport and died in Launceston in 2009. She was educated at Devonport and the University of Tasmania, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1949. She travelled overseas, where she married Stanley Payne in Cardiff in 1952. The Paynes returned to Devonport in 1955 and moved to Launceston in the early 1960s.

While raising her four children, Mrs Payne taught at Devonport High School and Broadland House. She then lectured at the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education before becoming a consultant with the Schools Commission.

Mrs Payne was involved with a most impressive number of organisations. She is probably best known for her involvement with the Launceston City Council. An alderman from 1974 to 1983, Mrs Payne was mayor from 1979 to 1981, only the second woman to hold the position. She received an OBE for service to the community in 1982 and for her role as a director of the Australian Bicentennial Authority and chairman of the Tasmania Council of the Australian Bicentennial Authority she was awarded an AM in 1989. When she was installed as an honorary freeman of the city of Launceston in 1996, she was praised for her outstanding commitment to community organisations over more than 40 years.

Mrs Payne held office or was a member of the following organisations (arranged in alphabetical order):

A.B.C. Orchestra Advisory Committee
Association of Independent Retirees
Australian Federation of University Women, Tasmania, Northern Branch
Australian Bicentennial Authority
Duke of Edinburgh Award in Australia, Tasmanian Committee
Family Planning Association of Tasmania
Friends of the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery
George Record Memorial Prize Trust
Launceston City Council
Launceston Women's Shelter Inc
Municipal Association of Tasmania
National Council of Women, Launceston
Northern Regional Library Advisory Committee
Retarded Children's Welfare Organisation
Ritchie's Mill Art Centre Board of Management
Sorooptimists
Tasmania Council of the Australian Bicentennial Authority
Tasmanian Library Board
Tasmanian Potters Society Inc (North)
World Education Fellowship

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in 1991 and 1996.

1. Correspondence

- 1/1 Letter from Mayor re World Education Fellowship conference, 9/7/1980; from Max Fry Hall Art Committee, 5/5/1981, 14/7/1981; from Bevan Johnson, Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, 6/7/1981; from Geoff Lyons re Senator Justin O'Byrne farewell, 8/7/1981; from Warwick L Smith, President AFS Launceston, 9/7/1981; from Launceston Younger Set, 24/9/1983; from Peter Hodgman, Deputy Liberal Leader, re Robin Gray, 12/11/1991 1980-1981, 1991

2. Records of Community Involvement

- 2/1 Municipal Association of Tasmania, minutes of proceedings of special conference, 21 January 1981; minutes of annual conference, Burnie, 1981; LCC record of Barbara Payne's appointment as Council's representative on Northern Regional Library committee, 1979; notes by Barbara Payne; *Examiner* cuttings 15 March 1975, 28 May 1976 etc 1975-1981
- 2/2 Post Secondary Education in Tasmania, various LCC reports; handwritten notes by Barbara Payne; newspaper cuttings etc 1975-1982
- 2/3 Tasmanian Potters Society, Northern Branch, newsletters 1975-1992, with gaps; *The Tasmanian Potters' Society (North) Inc at Ritchies Mill Art Centre Launceston* (two pamphlets, c1972 and nd); submission to Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board 1990; newspaper cuttings; miscellaneous items 1975-1992
- 2/4 Launceston Women's Shelter Inc, minutes of meetings, 1976-1985; correspondence; annual report and supervisor's reports 1975-1977, March 1979, 1985-1986; newspaper cuttings 1977, 1984; correspondence; notes by Barbara Payne; miscellaneous items 1976-1986
- 2/5 Launceston Bikeway, poster re rally and letter of thanks to Barbara Payne, 1977; newspaper cuttings etc re opening 1979; Launceston City Council memorandum re bike plan study, 1982 1977-1982
- 2/6 Education Department, Northern Region, letter re nomination of Barbara Payne as a member of Northern Regional Working Party (includes letter re composition of working parties, 1978; typed notes on 'Community colleges in Tasmania' and 'Alanvale administrative structure'; *Planning for further education*, 1978; *Further education in Tasmania*, 1978) 1978

- 2/7 Australian Broadcasting Commission, Tasmanian Orchestra Advisory Committee, minutes of meeting, 15 June 1979 1979
- 2/8 George Record Memorial Prize Trust, minutes of meetings of Trustees, 1983-1996, with gaps; order of proceedings at prize presentations; correspondence; financial statements; 'A proposal to the Launceston Rotary Club on behalf of the George Record Memorial Award', 1991; 'A proposal to the Institute of Chartered Accountants', nd; speech by Barbara Payne; Barbara Payne's handwritten notes; *Examiner* cutting 7 November 1992; copy of deed setting up the Memorial Fund, 1958 etc 1979-1996
- 2/9 Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Tasmanian annual report, 1985-1986, 1986-1987; Tasmanian Committee discussion paper, 11 March 1987; State Committee meeting minutes, 1 October 1987; letter from State Chairman, 14 May 1988 1985-1988
- 2/10 Australia Card, newspaper cuttings from the *Examiner* and the *Australian* etc (Barbara Payne chaired the public meeting held in Launceston on 8 September 1987) 1987

3. Speeches (some include invitations)

- 3/1 Northern Tasmanian Women's Hockey Association; Launceston Auxiliary for the Blind and Deaf; Porcelain Decorators Association of Tasmania; Northern Regional Library readings by Thomas Shapcott and Judith Rodriguez; Jo Cook Memorial Units; Ceramics Hazel Turner and Prints Christine Forsyth exhibition; 12th Festival of Arts and Crafts; Les Murray recital; Mini Olympics; Launceston Bikeway; welcome to Hon. William Neilson, Agent-General; 7EX Carols by Candlelight; Riverside High School prize giving; welcome to Takasho Junior School Choir; Book Week 1977-1979
- 3/2 Max Fry Hall Art Exhibition; Air Force Commemoration at Cenotaph; Launceston Chamber of Commerce; Tasmanian Porcelain Painters Association; Northern Tasmanian Fisheries Association; Commonwealth Banking Corporation; Council amalgamations; St Andrew's Hostel; Launceston holiday discount booklet; Anzac Day; Marching Girls championships; Royal Commonwealth Society; Batman Festival presentation; Repco Expansion; Tamar Regatta Association; Thirtyniners Association; Australia Day citizenship ceremony; Monkey Island; welcome to Mayor of Ikeda; speech re leadership 1980
- 3/3 Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery acquisition of Arnold Shore painting; 'Counting Collating and Computing' 1981

exhibition at QVMAG; welcome to Superintendent Ling; Japan Australia Fellowship Association; welcome to Mr Fujii; welcome to Mr Kaneko, Japanese Consul General; Batman Festival; welcome to delegation from Bendigo; Australian Council for Inter-government Relations

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| 3/4 | Regional planning schemes | 1983 |
| 3/5 | Festival of sport and recreation activities for girls and women | 1989 |
| 3/6 | Retirement of Jack Edwards; Institute of Private Secretaries, Australia (Tasmania Division); National Council of Women; Opening of Croquet Club season; Stewart Wardlaw; exhibition of work by spinners, weavers and potters at Ritchies Mill; Newnham Filtration Plant; Hon. Brian Miller re Launceston Court; National Council of Women; Tamar Yacht Club; Hadley Sides; Patons Bowls Club; Jean Batten; Judges of Family Court of Australia; welcome to Sir John and Lady Mason; Professor Campbell, President World Education Fellowship Council; response to toast to City; Timber Association; Ambassador of Switzerland to Australia; Opening of Paterson Street East car park; welcome to Cardinal Rubin; greetings from Launceston to Mayor of Ikeda; Independent Rifle Company | nd |

4. Miscellaneous Items

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| 4/1 | <i>Alanvale: serving the community</i> (brochure) | c1977 |
| 4/2 | National Council of Women, annual report | 1979-80 |
| 4/3 | Opening of Curries River Scheme (information card and invitation) | 1980 |
| 4/4 | Anzac Day Commemoration Service | 1981 |
| 4/5 | <i>Music for a Royal occasion</i> , St Johns Church (program) | 1981 |
| 4/6 | Naval Association of Tasmania, Launceston sub-section, order of commemoration service | 1981 |
| 4/7 | Launceston Convention Centre, Albert Hall, Brindley Water Organ recital (programs of first and second recitals, 2 items) | nd |

5. Ephemera

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| 5/1 | Invitations to various functions, 1979, 1981-1983, nd | 1979-1983 |
| 5/2 | Mayor of Launceston, Alderman B T Payne's business card | nd |

5/3 Secretary to Mayor of Launceston, Peta E Callahan's business card nd

5/4 Tamar Yacht Club dinner place card nd

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QVMAG, Community History, LCC records

National Archives of Australia, Australian Bicentennial Authority records