## **Myrt Hecker**

Myrt has been a passionate supporter of netball since she became involved at the Falcons Netball Club in 1966.

Over the years, her involvement at Falcons included being a coach, team manager, Assistant to the Head Coach Estelle Waterman, committee member and Club President. Myrt was instrumental in the running of the Club in these various roles and contributed to its success locally and at tournaments all over Victoria. She was presented with Life Membership of the Club in 1980.

When the Falcons Netball Club left Golden City Netball Association to join the BSNA in 1980, Myrt became committed to the Falcons successful transition to their new association.

Over the years, she held the position of Vice President of the BSNA, she was a squad selector and coach, organiser of squad team entries, squad umpires and transport to the many tournaments played by representative teams each season. She was also a valued committee member for many years at the BSNA. Her dedicated service to the Association was rewarded with a Life Membership in 1990.

Myrt was also involved with several clubs in the Bendigo Football Netball League travelling to various netball courts in Central Victoria. She was a team manager, organiser of umpires, uniforms and votes at Golden Square, South Bendigo, Eaglehawk and Castlemaine Netball Clubs.

In 2003, her dedication to netball and her love of the game, earned her a Netball Victoria state distinction award.

Despite no longer being involved with netball, she is a very well-known and popular identity in the local netball community. She has developed and maintained close relationships with many of her players who still maintain contact with her.

Two Australian Diamonds players Rebecca Bulley and Caitlin Thwaites who were coached by Myrt (as Juniors) in Strathdale Netball Association representative teams.

