



Mr Noel HOSKING

[1929 – 2021]



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Family and education

Noel Hosking was born in 1929 at Palmerston North, New Zealand. His parents, Charles and Elillian, lived in that city where his father had a bicycle business. Noel had one sister, Pauline.

He was educated at Palmerston North Boys High School and later studied at Victoria University by distance education graduating in 1955 as an accountant.

Noel married Pamela (née Lyle) in New Zealand in 1978.

The Club

Noel joined the Club in 1994 as a Civilian Member.

He was first elected to the Committee in 1996 and was elected Treasurer in 1998. He remained in that position for 13 years until 2011 – a record of service as Treasurer of the Club.

Amongst the significant events during his term of office were the deliberations concerning the redevelopment of the rear areas of the Club.

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Civil Life

Noel became a chartered accountant in New Zealand in 1955, and chartered secretary in the following year. He is also a Justice of the Peace (Qualified) in Queensland.

Noel's first two jobs were at chartered accountancy firms in New Zealand, including Morrah & Telford. He then moved into commerce as accountant at Howard Rotovators of NZ in Lower Hutt for seven years. He then returned in 1969 to his accountancy profession as a partner of Donovan and Nash, which became the firm of Hosking Reiper Manders and Gambitsis, for 12 years.

From there in 1970 he moved to Consolidated Motor Inns where during the next 8 years he oversaw the expansion of facilities in Rotorua, Auckland Airport, Napier, Palmerston North and the Cook Islands.

The decade of the 1980s saw Noel in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea in a variety of commercial roles – with PNG Shipping Corporation, New Guinea Motors, PNG Aviation Services and in public practice as an accountant.

From 1990 to 2016, Noel relocated to Brisbane and remained in public practice; in addition to acquiring many community commitments.

He has a long and distinguished record of service with many community organisations in addition to the Club.

Noel became a Justice of the Peace (Qualified) in Queensland in 1994. He served on the committee of the Queensland Justices Association for 8 years and was State President for 2 years. His involvement commenced with the rehabilitation of the Association from insolvency. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Association, He is an Honorary Life Member of the Association and is still active as Honorary Treasurer of the QJA North Branch.

For many years Noel was the Honorary Treasurer of the Cornish Association Queensland, which has amalgamated with the Celtic Council of Australia Queensland Inc.- of which he was Honorary Secretary for 10 years.

He has been a freemason for all of his adult life, having joined the craft at 21 years of age at the same lodge in Palmerston North where his grandfather and great-grandfather were Masters. His home lodge is UGLQ Enoggera Lodge 304, and he is a Past Master, and was Honorary Treasurer for 20 years. He is also a Life Patron of Masonic Care Queensland.

Noel Hosking died in Brisbane on 27 December 2021.

Sources included:

- Various web pages
- *United Service Club, Queensland: The First Century, 1892-1992* by Flight Lieutenant Murray Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Charlton
- Club Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports and sundry documents
- Interview with Mr Hosking