



## Judith Coull

Born in Nhill

### **Community leader and campaigner**

Born in Nhill, the family moved to Melbourne where she completed her Leaving Certificate before training as a nurse at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. During this time she married Victor.

The Coulls moved to Mt Helen in 1973 and Judith became proactive in local government, water issues and community organisations. Elected to the Shire of Buninyong in 1979, Judith served as a councillor for 15 years. Judith was the first female Shire President of Buninyong, undertaking the role for two consecutive years.

She was appointed to the Board of Central Highlands Water and is currently Deputy Chairperson. Judith has over 30 years of commitment to the water sector, for many years a non-traditional sector for women's participation. She has been a Board member of the Ballarat YMCA since 1996 and President since 2007.

Judith's previous community involvements include serving on the establishment committees for the Mt Helen Pre-school, Ballarat Linkages and the Ballarat Technology Park precinct.

Judith was on the former Ballarat University College Council, the Regional Board for Planning and Economic Development, the Training and Employment Group and chairperson of Community Action for Youth for eight years. She was on the project committees for the construction of the Ballarat Aquatic Centre and the new athletic track at Llanberris. She is a Graduate and Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Judith's vast experience on community committees, over 30 years of involvement in water issues and the water sector, coupled with her management and financial expertise has ensured her an indispensable place in Ballarat's community life for many years. She is a member of Zonta International and is passionately committed to the advancement of women, to ensure they realise their full potential.

Judith is a devoted mother of four and grandmother.

In her own words, *"Ensure that we nurture and support our young women as they take on leadership responsibilities"*.