

Colleen Joan Dennehy

Mrs Dennehy was born on 29 March 1934 and is a Seacliff Park resident with a lifelong connection with the City of Holdfast Bay. Mrs Dennehy volunteered in the Minda Op Shop for over 40 years, leaving an indelible legacy of service that continues to inspire others today. Mrs Dennehy was awarded the Commonwealth Centenary Medal in 2001 for her service to people with disability, and she was made an Honorary Life Member of Minda in 2016. Mrs Dennehy represents a generation of women who formed the social fabric of Seacliff Park and Holdfast Bay generally, giving their time to support community members in need. Now in her 90s Mrs Dennehy continues to be a Seacliff Park stalwart, maintaining close connections with her community and the Council, attending the library and church as she has done for decades past.

“I was brought up on Jetty Road Brighton, right opposite the Council building. I went to Brighton Primary School. On weekends my mum would hand us each a sandwich with fritz and an apple then send us to the beach for the day. We used to play in the sand dunes at Brighton and get into mischief. When we were teenagers we went to the dances in the Grundy hall at St Jude’s”.

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Colleen Joan Dennehy (seated at the front) is pictured here with fellow Minda Op Shop volunteers. Courtesy Minda Inc. 2016