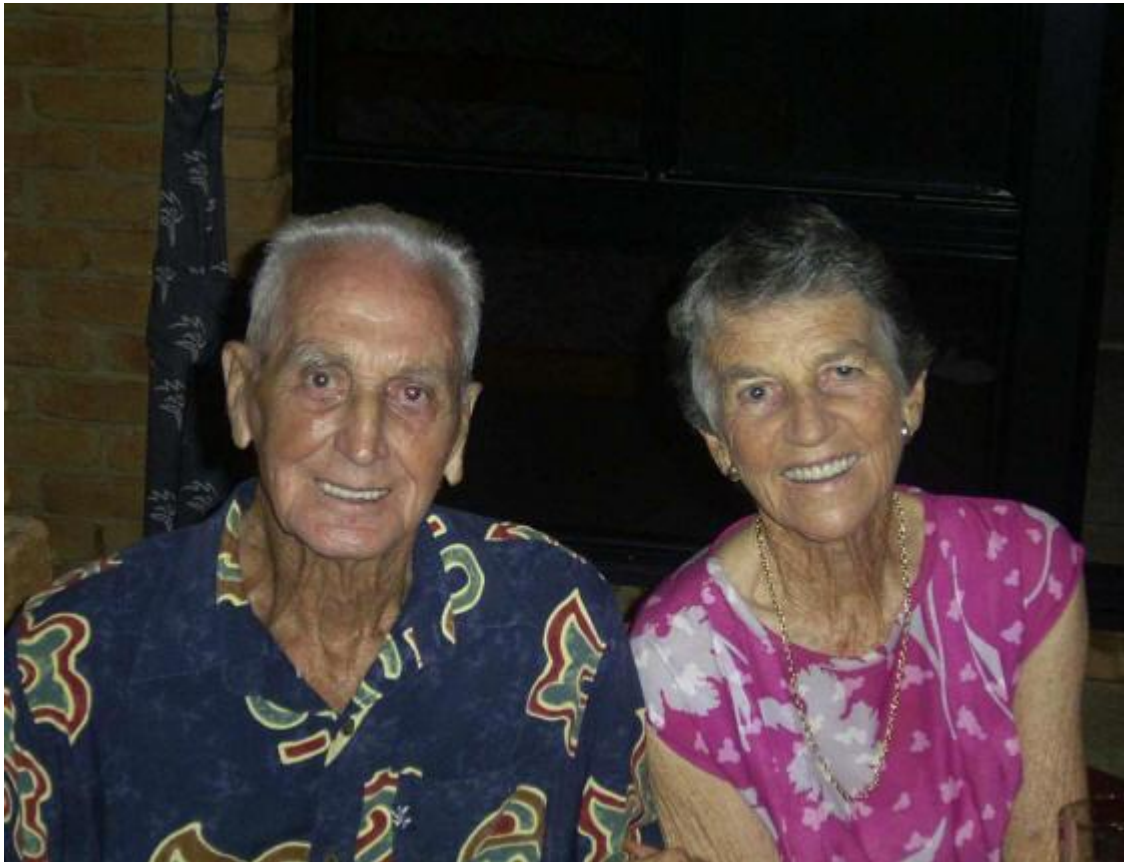


Tribute to Edna Finney 1936-2011



Jack and Edna Finney

Edna Finney, along with husband Jack, was one of the people who helped make the Redlands Lawn Tennis Association a reality. Both Edna and Jack were foundation members and they helped raise funds to construct four original ant-bed courts at the Cleveland Showgrounds. The construction involved many working bees and much help from the local tennis community.

Edna began playing Saturday fixtures and later organised a group of ladies to start a mid-week ladies competition. She was the first President of the Mid-week Ladies group and continued in that role for 16 years.

Edna also help raise funds to build the original RLTA clubhouse in 1972. In her spare time, she coached juniors at the Thorneside tennis courts and put many children into tennis teams to play at the many venues around the Redlands. Her teams always had the term "Rovers" somewhere in their names. Edna was a tireless worker for the Association and was still helping an adult group into her 80's.

Edna was also involved in Brisbane, Queensland and Australian Veteran competition, winning an Australian Mixed Doubles title and even toured Europe as part of an Australian Veterans Team.

Both Edna and Jack were made Life Members of the Redlands Lawn Tennis in recognition of their years of assistance and dedication to Tennis in the Redlands. While Jack soldiers on, Edna passed away in March, 2011 and will be dearly missed by the whole tennis community.