

LEN EVANS 1929 – 2020.

Len and Vivienne Evans came to Australia as assisted migrants and settled in Melbourne.

Len found employment with the Victorian Government Dental Service in the administration side of this service. The Dental Service had mobile units which travelled to all State Schools in Victoria.

Len and Vivienne had no children but Len adopted the Anglican Men's Society as his other hobby to go along his hobby of gardening. Both have been parishioners at this Church and Len was the Secretary of the St. Matthew's AMS branch for many years. I do not know when Len first joined AMS but he became a member of the Diocesan Executive and in 1973 was elected as their secretary -a post he served in with distinction for 35 years.

In 1994 he also became the editor of the AMS Bulletin published by the Melbourne Executive – 5 issues per year for 23 years! He was also involved with two AMS Welfare Organisations – The AMS Bill Brady Welfare Organisation Inc. as Secretary and The Tyler House Trust as a Trustee.

His other great commitment was the AMS annual Book Fairs selling good quality S/H Books. These commenced in 1977 generally occupied one Saturday in July each year. Some 10,000 books would be displayed in categories and these events were very popular with S/H booksellers from all over Victoria. The last Book Fair was held in 2017 at Holy Trinity Oakleigh. Len and Ken McKay would sort and price books for six months prior to sale day and later Jeff Layther was also involved in this task.

For many years AMS Melbourne held a breakfast once a month on a Saturday morning at various churches around Melbourne – the last venue being Holy Trinity, Oakleigh. Len organized the catering for these breakfasts for many years and provide porridge in large quantities – following the meal Len and others would sort and price books in the AMS shed.

For many years the St. Matthew's branch would host the annual AMS Dinner in the Hall next door. These were very happy occasions involving much work for Len and local members.

Len's commitment to AMS was recognized in 1990 when he received a Life Membership of the organization. Put in simple terms – Len was the glue which keep AMS in Victoria running for many years.

Len was a man of strong faith and assisted in many capacities at St. Matthews, Cheltenham and on moving to the Cheltenham Manor he missed his church services.

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