



Gift in Memory

ELIZABETH (LIBBY) SCHICK

1951 – 2018

Libby was born in Ipswich to Margaret and Bruce Evans, the middle child of three children. After completing her secondary schooling at Ipswich Girls Grammar, she attended the University of Queensland achieving a Bachelor of Arts with Honours.

In 1973, she gained recruitment as a graduate trainee for the Department of Trade in Canberra. In 1974 she met Barry and his two daughters, Nicky and Julia. Three months after their marriage in 1978, Barry took up a four-year post as Senior Trade Commissioner in Bangkok and Libby secured the position of Senior Lecturer in the English Department at the University of Chulalongkorn. In 1981 their daughter Renee was born.



In 1990 Libby accepted a four-year posting to Vienna as Deputy Ambassador. She then became Ambassador to Santiago from 2001-2005 and her final posting was to Chicago as Consul General from 2008-2011.

Long-time friends took the opportunity during these overseas assignments to visit Libby and her family, sharing many happy holidays.

Libby's work in the now amalgamated Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade was noteworthy for her expertise in trade relations with Japan and Korea, nuclear matters and Australia's participation in APEC. She was also instrumental in advancing trade relations with America. Libby's reliability, judgement and sound advice earned her the respect of both Ministers and the Department's executive. As a mentor to junior staff, she also made a strong contribution to the standing and leadership of women.

Retiring to the Sunshine Coast in 2013 after forty years of service, twenty years of which were at a senior level, Libby continued to maintain a strong interest in world events and Australia's place in world trade. Along with her commitment and support to her three daughters and six grandchildren, her interests included skiing and travel and as an active member of the Alexandra Headland Rotary Club. Joining Headland Golf Club in mid- 2013 she enjoyed the companionship of fellow players and strongly supported the objectives of the Club's Future Fund.

Libby had a rich and happy life; a life of commitment and achievement, a life lived with integrity in both personal and professional spheres. Many admired her warmth, her interest in others and her sense of humour. Her stoicism and indomitable spirit displayed in challenging her illness is an example to us all.

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