

Frank & Merle Archer

Francis John Archer

Born: 03/07/1923

Merle Archer

Married in 1976, each having five children previously.

Nominated for the Ron Vogt Memorial Community Service Award in 2004

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Frank & Merle ARCHER

The Archers moved to Dingley Village in 1978, simply to be near their place of employment, Frigrite and have been a vital part of the community ever since.

Neighbourhood Watch came to Dingley Village in 1987, and Frank has been the Co-ordinator since 1988.

Merle and Frank became involved in the Neighbourhood Watch District and Frank is currently Deputy Chairman of Region 1, Division 4.

They became involved in the Neighbourhood Centre and Historical Society.

Frank and Merle became involved with the Volunteer Literacy Program where they spent a few years training people, for whom English was a second language, to read and write.

Merle and Frank ran the Relatives and Residents Committee for 9 years at a local nursing home. Frank became a "Friend of the Elderly", where he was allocated someone to visit in a nursing home.

As joint welfare officers for Probus, and Frank as the Public Officer, this was another string to the very busy bow!

Frank sees this as an award to both himself and Merle. Those of us who have been privileged to know them over the years, agree.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in congratulating Frank!

FRANK ARCHER

Frank was nominated by Neighbourhood Watch. He was a foundation member of Victoria Police District Neighbourhood Watch since its inception in 1987, and has been Dingley Village Area Co-ordinator since 1988.

He has provided valued service to the Victoria Police in crime prevention measures covering Dingley Village, and has been involved with the Springvale Police Community Consultative Committee since its inception.

Frank has been actively engaged in community activities since his retirement as General Manager of Frigrite Refrigeration in 1988, one of which is as a tutor of literacy skills for disadvantaged adults.

Frank and Merle married in 1976 - each bringing 5 grown children - to make up their own "Brady Bunch". They are now the proud grandparents of 22 grandchildren who keep them on the hop. Thank you Frank.