

## **BOX FAMILY**

**Harold Box**

**b. 1912 d. 1993**

**Jean Box**

**b. 1921, d. 2008**

### **PHOTO'S**

**Harold Box            D000902, 903, 1233, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1406**

**D001865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1874, 2405,  
2479, 2697, 2698, 2755, 2757, 2759, 2770, 2772**

**Jean Box            D001865, 2410, 2715, 2718,**

**Docs. Numerous, see Box Family file**

## HAROLD CHIVERS BOX

19.10.1912 – 21.6.1993

Harold was a much-loved, well-known and well respected member of our Dingley Village community and this Hall is named in his memory.

Harold was born in Oakleigh, one of nine children, and an active member of the Oakleigh Harriers (Harold was a champion 120 metre hurdler).

He was initially a lithographic printer, but joined the RAAF in 1941 as a wireless operator/air gunner. He married Jean on 28th February 1942. They have four children – Peter, Helen, Christine and Patricia.

After his discharge from the forces, he went into a market garden in Beaumaris with his brother Walter, but moved to a poultry farm in Dingley Village in 1953. This land is now the Five Ways Caravan Park.

Harold became a Springvale Councillor in 1965 and remained on Council until 1983. During that time he served as Mayor of the City of Springvale 1968-69 and 1976-77.

A highlight for him during that time was the presentation of the Coat of Arms to the City of Springvale by the Governor of Victoria, Sir Henry Winneke on 27th February 1977.

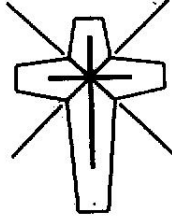
Harold's involvement in the community was varied. He was the first President of the Dingley Baseball Club, the Neighbourhood Centre 1985-1988, the Rotary Club of Dingley Village 1978-93, Probus 1978-93 and the Keysborough Bowling Club. Harold was also Vice Chairman of Abbeyfield Society (Dingley Village).

Harold's name was put forward by the Rotary Club of Dingley Village in 1989 as their nominee for the Honor Roll of Dingley Village which hangs in the Neighbourhood Centre, and in 1990 he was nominated by the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre as Senior Citizen of the Year and named as such by the City of Springvale for 1991.

This hall is named for Harold – “The Harold Box Community Hall”, as a gesture of our love of him and our appreciation of his commitment to the people of Dingley Village.

Harold's philosophy says much of the man –

“Verily then, count me as one who loves his fellow men”  
(excerpt from the poem “Abou Ben Adam”)



*A celebration for the life of*

*Jean Box*



*Born - 14 February 1921*

*Entered eternal life - 30 December 2008*