

HODGSON

Ken & Anita

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Mayor of Moorabbin in 1963

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Diamond couple: Ken and Anita Hodgson celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Love still sparkles for diamond couple

DINGLEY couple Ken and Anita Hodgson certainly had reason to smile last week after reaching their diamond wedding anniversary.

Although the Hodgsons have no children of their own, they celebrated in style with a close knit group of family and friends at the Yarra Yarra Golf Club.

Mr Hodgson said the couple married on January 3, 1939, in Woodend, NSW, before honeymooning in Sydney.

They moved to McKinnon more than half a century ago and became an influential couple in the Kingston community.

Mrs Hodgson was a successful milliner and opened her own store in Centre Rd, Bentleigh, while her husband opened the sports store next door.

The couple became involved in many clubs and organisations within the community, and Mr Hodgson became a Moorabbin councillor in 1957. He was elected mayor in 1963.

"When I was mayor there was no sewerage and no main roads," Mr Hodgson said.

"We have seen enormous changes over the years."

Throughout their busy lives Mr and Mrs Hodgson have remained very close. When asked what their secret to success was, Mr Hodgson said they had simply been fortunate.

"We did have a small break in the marriage though, when I went into the army for six years, in 1940," he said.

"Maybe that is the secret."